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ELECTION 2006

Albany council more cohesive

■ Atkinson, Wile join Lieber in opposing large-scale development along the waterfront

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

The "Save Our Shoreline Team" sweep of the Albany City Council election this week has produced a majority view on a council previously divided over the future of the city's waterfront.

The election results, however, don't come with any definitive answers for the future of the shoreline. Opinions of what will happen to the waterfront ranged from nothing to the possibility that the owner of Golden Gate Fields will be willing to abandon plans to rezone the land.

It appears that Marge Atkinson and Joanne Wile will join Councilman Robert Lieber, who shares a similar shoreline vision, to form a majority on the City Council of members opposed to large-scale



Atkinson

Wile

development at the waterfront.

"This council is not inclined to approve any malls on the waterfront or gambling or racinos," Lieber said.

ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

In addition to the election of Atkinson and Wile, voters on Tuesday passed Measure C, the issuance of bonds and an increase in property taxes for construction at the Albany civic center, with nearly 76 percent of the vote. It needed two-thirds to pass. Measure D, an advisory measure on an ordinance that would permit the establishment of a single medical marijuana dispensary in

the city, also passed, receiving almost 53 percent.

Atkinson led all the council candidates with more than 31 percent of the vote. Wile had about 25 percent, edging retired U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics economist Caryl O'Keefe by 109 votes. Real estate agent Francesco Papalia was last with

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"We want to encourage social and emotional skills, critical and imaginative thinking, communication and spontaneity. That's why we put so much emphasis on play" — Anke Thiele, parents group leader



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

TODDLERS at Kinderstube, a German language preschool in Albany, "stielen" (play) together last month. Children eat traditional food and read the same stories their counterparts do in German. Starting next year, students will be able to continue their education as the German International School of Silicon Valley opens a campus in Berkeley.

OPEN HOUSE

The East Bay campus of German International School of Silicon Valley will hold an open house for prospective students and their families on Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., in Berkeley. You can also find out more by visiting www.gissv.org or by contacting Claudia Cronin at 510-528-3445 or ccronin@gissv.org.

Bay Area Kinderstube is located at 842 Key Route Blvd. in Albany. For more information, call 510-525-3105, e-mail info@kinderstube.org or visit www.kinderstube.org.

Preschool nourishes students' German roots

■ Kindertube alumni soon will be able to attend East Bay campus of German International School of Silicon Valley

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

It's morning at Bay Area Kinderstube, a German language immersion preschool in Albany. "Guten morgen!" ("Good morning") teacher Sissy Schmidt greets the children.

"Guten morgen!" they chorus back. So begins another day filled

with musik (music), kunst (art), turnen (movement), tanzen (dancing), kochen (cooking), singen (singing), lachen (laughing), lernen (learning) and, most important, spielen (playing).

Every effort is made to duplicate the experience of a German kindergarten, which is the equivalent of preschool in Germany. The children eat traditional

food, such as pancakes with applesauce, and read the same stories their counterparts in Germany do, including "Der Kleine Hasse" ("The Little Rabbit"), about a stuffed animal named Felix who travels around the world and sends letters about his adventures back to his owner, a little girl named Sophie.

Kinderstube has been operating for 10 years in the former rehearsal studio for Creedence Clearwater Revival.

"It took days to peel all the

soundproofing foam off the walls," said Claudia Cronin of Berkeley, whose son, Maxi, just graduated from Kinderstube.

Up to now, there has been no place for children like Maxi to continue their German education after preschool.

But that will change next fall, when the German International School of Silicon Valley opens an East Bay campus in Berkeley. While it's not formally connected

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WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD

School board pledges reconciliation

Three victors say mean-spirited campaign won't stop future cooperation

By Kimberly S. Wetzel
STAFF WRITER

The three newly elected members of the West Contra Costa school board said Wednesday that they hope the group can put the nastiness of the campaign aside and work together on behalf of the district's 30,750 students.

Madelene Kronenberg, Audrey Miles and incumbent board President Charles Ramsey defeated five others Tuesday to end a particularly mean-spirited race full of finger-pointing and mud-slinging that even involved current board members not up for re-election.

Ramsey, who received the



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT board candidates Charles Ramsey and Madeline Kronenberg share a laugh Tuesday while waiting for results at a restaurant in Martinez.

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KENSINGTON POLICE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Third seat on Kensington police board not yet settled

■ Kimball has 30-vote lead on incumbent with numerous absentee and mail ballots uncounted

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

Thirty votes separated two candidates vying for the third and final seat on the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District board of directors as of Thursday morning.

After votes were counted on Election Day, Bill Wright and incumbent Pat McLaughlin emerged victorious, getting nearly 25 percent and almost 21



McLaughlin Wright

percent of the vote, respectively. Cindy Kimball appears to have won the third seat with 18.5 percent, edging incumbent Bruce Morrow by 30 votes.

Retired concert promoter Danny Scher, who fought to allow fundraising concerts in his

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NEWS/COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Albany

Program on adolescent development set

A presentation on appropriate biological and psychosocial adolescent development and a discussion for parents and teens on dealing with related issues is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. Thursday at the Albany High School library.

Dr. Barbara Stagg, division chief of adolescent medicine at Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland, will talk about how development affects the relationship between teenagers and parents, and will invite participants to consider more effective ways to handle disputes and differences. The program is presented by the high school Parent Ed Committee.

Child care is available by reservation. Please e-mail to merry-sell@earthlink.net to reserve it. The high school is located at 603 Key Route Blvd.

— Justin Hill

Council keeps park turf removal method

The Albany City Council this week refused to reconsider its decision to remove the turf at the Memorial Park ball field without using herbicides or other chemicals.

Mayor Allan Maris, who requested the topic be brought back at Monday's meeting, made a motion to send the issue back to the Park & Recreation Commission. There was no second. Councilman Robert Good recused himself because he lives across the street from the park.

As part of the renovations at Ocean View, Terrace and Memorial parks, the ball field at Memorial will get new irrigation, drainage and turf. Before new sod is planted on the field, the existing turf will have to be removed.

In March, the council approved the excavate-and-off-haul method to remove the turf.

— Justin Hill

Cougar Field project report available for review

A copy of the draft environmental report for the proposed Albany High School Cougar Field improvements project is available for public review through Dec. 18.

A copy of the draft is available at the Albany Unified School District office, 904 Talbot Ave., Second Floor, in Albany; Albany High School office, 603 Key Route Blvd. in Albany; Albany Middle School office, 1259 Brighton Ave. in Albany; Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. in Albany; Albany Community Development Department, 1000 San Pablo Ave. in Albany; El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. in El Cerrito; and the El Cerrito Community Development Department.

Comments regarding the content may be made, in writing, to the Albany Unified School District, 904 Talbot Ave., Albany, CA 94706. Comments should be addressed to district Superintendent Willie Wong and be postmarked or in hand by 4:30 p.m. Dec. 18.

A public hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. Nov. 30 at the Albany Middle School gym, 1259 Brighton Ave. in Albany.

For more information, call 510-558-3766 between the 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

— Justin Hill

El Cerrito

City offices to move this month

The city of El Cerrito administrative offices are moving to a temporary location while a new City Hall is being built.

Beginning at 8 a.m. Nov. 21, the new offices, located at 10940 San Pablo Ave., will be open to the public. The site is a former vacant lot between the Civic Plaza Apartments and the El Cerrito Christian Center, less than a block from the current location.

The Community Development, Public Works and Finance departments as well as administration will be housed in portable buildings at the site while the new City Hall is built, a process expected to take about 18 months.

Access will be available from San Pablo Avenue, and parking spaces for visitors and customers will be available in a parking lot next to the temporary buildings.

Additional access will be available off Kearney Street.

On Nov. 16, the city offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will remain closed until they open at the new site on Nov. 21. Updates will be continuously provided on the city's Web site, www.el-cerrito.org.

For more information, contact Karen Pinkos, assistant city manager, at 510-215-4302 or kpinkos@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

— Justin Hill

Eminent domain power renewed

The El Cerrito City Council has voted to renew through 2018 the Redevelopment Agency's nonresidential eminent domain authority in the redevelopment area and its residential eminent domain authority in one block.

The El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency's nonresidential eminent domain authority expired in July and its residential eminent domain authority expired in 2001.

The residential eminent domain authority will be limited to one block known as the Eastshore Triangle, bordered by Potrero Avenue, Eastshore Boulevard and San Pablo Avenue.

"It still is absolutely the last resort," said Community Development Director Mitch Oshinsky. "Chances are if you haven't been affected in the last 30 years, you're not going to be affected now."

— Justin Hill

Neighbors' call thwarts sexual assault

Police arrested a 19-year-old Oakland man on suspicion of attacking a 14-year-old girl in her Oak Street apartment Nov. 2.

Neighbors called about 4:40 a.m. to report screaming in the apartment next door. Detective Cpl. Don Horgan said. Police went to the home on the 500 block of Oak Street and found Leonard Flynn holding down the victim on a bed and removing her clothing, Horgan said.

The victim, whom police did not identify, was not injured.

Police had arrested Flynn about 9 p.m. Wednesday on suspicion of petty theft in front of a local supermarket and released him later in the evening, Horgan said.

The victim noticed him hanging around in front of her building. He struck up a conversation with her late Wednesday night, police said. Hours later, she caught him trying to enter the apartment through a window, Horgan said, but she did not call police; eventually, he forced his way in through the front door.

Police booked Flynn into County Jail in Martinez on suspicion of burglary and attempted rape.

— Karl Fischer

Woman accused of ID theft for liposuction

A 31-year-old Hercules woman has been arrested on suspicion of using the personal information of a woman in San Jose to obtain liposuction.

According to police, the woman filled out a finance application using the San Jose resident's information, including her Social Security number, to pay for the \$5,200 surgery, which she obtained in May at the Cosmetic Surgical Center of El Cerrito.

— Justin Hill

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

TUESDAY, OCT. 31

- **DRUG POSSESSION** — At about 3 a.m., officers contacted a person who appeared to be asleep in a blue 2001 Isuzu with the window open and the engine running. The 30-year-old transient man was found to have outstanding warrants. When a check of his car revealed psilocybin mushrooms he was arrested on suspicion of drug possession.
- **SUSPICIOUS CAR** — Officers responded to reports that a black 1996 Nissan was parked on the 1100 block of Stannage Avenue with hazard lights blinking, a window smashed and the stereo torn out. A check of the license plates revealed that the owner of the car lived in Fontana.
- **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Someone entered an unlocked gold and silver 2000 Lexus that was parked on the 600 block of Cornell Avenue and ransacked the inside.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

- **MULTIPLE BREAK-INS** — During the night, several vehicles parked at 535 Pierce St. were broken into: a white 97 Chrysler Sebring convertible

- had the top cut, and a red 2002 Hyundai, a white GMC Sierra and a gray 1991 Honda Accord had smashed windows.
- **PURSE STOLEN** — An Oakland woman reported that at about 1:30 p.m., someone broke into her silver 1997 Buick while it was parked at the end of Buchanan Street near the waterfront and stole her purse from inside.
- **LAPTOP STOLEN** — Someone broke into a residence on the 900 block of Ordway Street through a window and stole a laptop. There were no witnesses.
- **DOUBLE ARREST** — At about 7 p.m., officers responded to the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore on reports of a couple who were opening packages of merchandise with a knife and taking them into a fitting room. They arrested a 23-year-old Antioch woman on suspicion of possession of burglary tools, petty theft and burglary. They arrested her companion, a 23-year-old Bay Point man, because he was found to be on parole and had outstanding warrants for resisting arrest and identity theft.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

- **STOLEN LICENSE PLATE** — At about 4 a.m., officers investigated a gray 1989 Toyota Camry with the VIN number removed and a license plate sitting inside. The license plate was found to have been stolen.
- **VANDALISM** — During the evening hours, someone put graffiti on a white 2006 Ford box van parked on the 600 block of San Gabriel Avenue.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

- **THEFT** — At about 9 p.m., a 16-year-old Richmond boy was arrested at the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore when he was observed putting merchandise in his pockets and exiting the store without paying.
- **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Someone broke out the back window of a red 1997 Ford Explorer parked on the 700 block of Taft Street during the afternoon.
- **MULTIPLE BREAK-INS** — Windows were smashed on a 1999 Honda parked near Solano Avenue and Pierce Street and a maroon 1996 Honda Accord parked on the 700

block of Solano Avenue.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5

- **DUI** — At about 12:30 a.m., officers stopped a white Nissan near San Pablo Avenue and Buchanan Street for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 29-year-old Berkeley man, when he was found to be intoxicated.
- **CAR THEFT** — At about 3 a.m., officers investigated a gray Toyota Camry on the 500 block of Pierce Street with someone sitting inside. The 25-year-old transient man had no foot but was found hiding underneath another vehicle in the area. The Toyota was found to have been stolen and the man was arrested on suspicion of possession of stolen property and for being on parole for a prior crime.
- **HOME BREAK-IN** — At about 11 p.m., a resident on the 1200 block of Garfield Street returned home to find a window broken. There were no signs of a break-in, and the owner was unsure whether anything was taken.

— Kristina

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

MONDAY, OCT. 30

- **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1992 Honda Accord was reported stolen from Thors Bay Road between about 4 p.m. and about 1 p.m. the following day.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

- **ROBBERY** — A person was robbed on the Ohlone Greenway near Mosser Lane about 5:30 p.m. when a pair of males knocked him off his bicycle and punched him while demanding money. The person lost his wallet and money clip. The males were described as black and 16 to 19 years old. One of them was further described as about 6 feet 3 inches tall and about 200 pounds. The other was described as about 5 feet 8 inches tall and about 150 pounds.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

- **THEFT** — A 45-year-old San Pablo man was arrested on suspicion of theft with priors after he allegedly concealed clothing under his shirt at the Ross store at El Cerrito Plaza. The man was observed by a security guard, who tried to detain him outside the store, according to police. The man resisted, according to police. He has several prior convictions for theft.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

- **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1996 Nissan Maxima was reported stolen from the Target parking lot, 11450 San Pablo Ave., about 3:30 p.m. after it had been dropped off to be transported cross-country to a car hauler. The keys were found, and the vehicle was stolen.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

- **FORGERY** — A 23-year-old Oakland woman was arrested on suspicion of forgery, burglary and possession of stolen property after she allegedly presented a stolen/altered check to be cashed at the Bank of America branch at 10422 San Pablo Ave. The check had apparently been stolen from outgoing mail, according to police.
- **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 38-year-old Oakland man was arrested on suspicion of vehicle theft after he allegedly rented a car that had not been returned for several months. About 8:30 a.m., a police officer stopped a vehicle for making an illegal turn, and the officer learned that the car had been reported as stolen, according to police.
- **POSSESSION OF HYPODERMIC**

NEEDLES — An 18-year-old Lafayette man was arrested on suspicion of possession of hypodermic needles and false impersonation. About 11:30 p.m., a police officer checking the area for a series of car vandalism came across the man sitting between two cars in the 1700 block of Arlington Boulevard. As the officer investigated whether the man was involved in the vandalism, the teen was found to have several hypodermic needles in his possession, according to police. He was arrested and taken to the El Cerrito Police Department for booking. During the booking process, officers learned that the man earlier had provided his brother's name.

■ **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1993 Lexus LS 400 was stolen between about 10 p.m. and about 10 a.m. the following day from the 2300 Block of Carquinez Avenue after a key was found in a nearby vehicle.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5

- **AUTO BURGLARY** — Property was stolen from a vehicle in the area of the 2300 block Carquinez Avenue between about noon and about 2:30 p.m. the following day.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** — A 45-year-old Kensington man was arrested on suspicion of possession of a stolen

vehicle, resisting arrest and possession of burglary tools. About 11:30 p.m., a police officer stopped a vehicle at San Pablo and Manila avenues for running a red light, according to police. The man was driving without a license, and it was learned that he had stolen the keys and the car, according to police. While being searched for a knife he claimed to have, the man began to struggle with the officer, according to police.

MONDAY, NOV. 6

- **ROBBERY** — A 21-year-old Richmond man turned himself in to El Cerrito police in connection with Oct. 27 robbery of a fast-food restaurant. According to police, several times recognized the suspect as a clerk from a nearby ice cream shop.
- **FORGERY** — A 22-year-old Oakland man was arrested on suspicion of forgery and burglary after he allegedly presented a counterfeit check for cashing at the Bank of America branch at 10422 San Pablo Ave.
- **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT** — A police officer located a 1989 Honda Civic on the 7300 block of Cutler Boulevard that had been reported stolen to El Cerrito police earlier in the day.

Naked parolee arrested on concealed weapon charge

■ **Man removes sharp awl from his anal cavity after he is apprehended by police**

TIMES STAFF

A police encounter with a naked man near the El Cerrito BART station turned into an arrest on suspicion of carrying a concealed weapon last week.

Passers-by called officers about 7:50 a.m. Nov. 2 to report that a naked man was lying on a

tree stump beside the Ohlone Greenway path, exposing himself and masturbating.

Police saw 33-year-old John Sheehan and arrested him on suspicion of indecent exposure.

Officers led him to the nearest street, the 2000 block of Kearney Avenue. Before putting Sheehan in the back of his car, Sgt. Paul Keith asked him whether he had anything on him that police should know about.

Sheehan replied that he had hidden a screwdriver in his anal cavity, said El Cerrito Detective

Cpl. Don Horgan.

Unsure about what to do, police called for a fire engine. Firefighters quickly decided that an emergency room would be better equipped to deal with the situation.

Sheehan interceded before an ambulance was called.

"When he heard what they were talking about, he said, 'Hey, don't worry about it. I can do it,'" said Horgan.

Mindful that a 6-inch metal awl wrapped in black electrical tape could be used as a weapon,

officers kept their weapons trained on the 33-year-old.

Sheehan went quietly to the hospital, without explanation.

Sheehan was paroled to state prison last week and had an address in Pittsburg, Horgan said. Police booked him into County Jail in Martinez on suspicion of parole violations, indecent exposure and one count of possessing a concealed weapon.

Reach Karl Fischer at 510-215-2728 or kfischer@cctimes.com

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Albany

- **Albany Senior Center** — Weekdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 846 Masonic Ave. Health insurance counseling by HICAP 1-3 p.m. Monday. Paper mache, bridge, chess, needlecrafts, world events. 510-524-9122.

El Cerrito

- **El Cerrito Committee on Aging** — Wednesday, 3 p.m. at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mosser Lane.

- **Christ Lutheran Senior Center** — Mondays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 780 Ashbury Ave. Conversational German and Spanish, current events, computers, line dancing. Massage for \$7. 510-524-1050.

- **St. John's Senior Center** — Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 6500 Gladys Ave. Needlecrafts, pressed-flower card-making, painting and drawing, card and table games. Tuesday, the center will celebrate its 32nd anniversary; there will be a sing-along with Nan.

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- **Community Center** — 7007 Mosser Lane. There will be a tea dance Wednesday, 1-4 p.m. Refreshments included with \$3 admission. 510-215-4340.

Kensington

- **Kensington Senior Activity Center** — Thursdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Kensington Community Church, 5210 Kensington Ave. 510-526-9146.

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Bush should take time for uniting, not dividing

GEORGE W. BUSH is the luckiest man in America. You're probably wondering how I can say that after he's been handed to him by voters on Tuesday. But, paradoxically, the Republican has handed him a third chance to do what he should have done in the first place — serve as a compassionate conservative.

Remember how he used to brag about how well he got along with the Democrats in Texas when he was governor? A lot of Americans, including President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, took him at his word and promised to be "a uniting" president. The first chance came after the Bush-Gore election in 2000. He could have done what John F. Kennedy did after a similar election in 1960. JFK invited Republicans to key positions — Robert McNamara at Defense and Douglas Wick at Treasury — and softened the most divisive issues between him and the opposition.

Instead, Bush decided to go with his conservative base, ignoring the 52 percent of the electorate that voted against him. His second chance came after the 2004 election. I'm a lifelong Democrat, but as I watched the towers come down I sat down and wrote a column that began with the words, "Now I know how Republicans felt after Dec. 7, 1941 — meaning that I saw it as my patriotic duty to rally behind the president during a time of crisis. And a lot of other Americans felt the same way. I assumed he would do what Franklin D. Roosevelt did at Pearl Harbor.

But, who had already appointed a Republican, Henry L. Kissinger, to the key post of Secretary of War, famously announced that "Dr. New Deal" had been replaced by "Dr. Win the War" — meaning that if he failed to do business with conservative businessmen to get the war done, so be it.

A lot of liberals — including me — screamed that, but FDR knew that the time of national crisis was over and the whole country behind him, not just the people who were for you. Many people, including his wife, advised Bush to do the same. Instead, he followed the terrorist attacks. He was all, where else was his going to go? Instead, he passed the government over to the neo-cons, the big corporations and the religious right. It was enough to win elections in 2000 and 2004, but it wasn't enough to win the only fight that really matters — the one between us and the people who



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

A little humility would serve Bush very well right now. Donald Rumsfeld's departure as Defense Secretary is a good start, but Karl Rove, the architect of the divide-and-conquer policy, should go, too.

want to kill us.

So what should he do now? There's a precedent for that, too — 1986, after Ronald Reagan's presidency was almost destroyed by the Iran-Contra scandal.

Reagan dumped his hard-line chief of staff, Donald Regan, and replaced him with Howard Baker, a grownup who knew how to work with the other side.

As a result, what do we remember the last two years of the Reagan administration for? The embrace of Mikhail Gorbachev, which led directly to the fall of the Soviet Union.

A little humility would serve Bush very well right now. Donald Rumsfeld's departure as Defense Secretary is a good start, but Karl Rove, the architect of the divide-and-conquer policy, should go, too.

There are plenty of Democrats and Republicans of good will who would be glad to help him out of the hole he's dug himself into, if only he'll meet them half way.

It won't be easy to reach out to the same people he's been calling "Defeat-o-crats" and "Cut-and-runners." But I have shocking news: Democrats are patriots, too. A lot of them would be willing to swallow their resentment over the way they've been treated because the alternative — two more years of culture wars — is too frightening to contemplate.

Fate rarely gives a person a second chance to get things right, much less a third. This is Bush's opportunity to seize. Let's hope the third time's the charm.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

FACES & PLACES

Preschool has Fischer to thank for fence

Albany Cooperative Preschool has a new fence and handball court thanks to the efforts of Eric Fischer of Boy Scout Troop 14.

The additions were part of a project Fischer completed to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, which he was awarded at Court of Honor ceremonies Oct. 30 at the Veterans Memorial Hall.

Fischer got started in scouting relatively late, noting at the Court of Honor that he was the only Scout in the troop who hadn't been in Cub Scouts. He first experienced Scouting as a sixth-grader, and stayed on to earn the highest rank, achieved by only about 2 percent of all Boy Scouts.

To complete the project, he enlisted the help of several Scouts and adults and acquired donated materials from various local businesses, including the Lumber Baron, East Bay Paints and Zarr's Delicatessen.

Fischer, who graduated from Albany High School in the spring and is a freshman at Sierra College in Rocklin, rose through the ranks of the Albany troop to become senior patrol leader, the troop's leadership position, during his junior year in high school. At that point, he started his Eagle project, which he said is built to stand for a long time.

He said the most challenging adventure was a 50-mile backpacking trip at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. He and his troop traveled through rugged terrain and in inclement weather with full packs, including water, crossing mountains more than 13,000 feet high.

— Chris Treadway

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Members of St. Peter CME



LAST SUNDAY, Girl Scout Brownie Troop 1107 (Marin School second graders) successfully raised \$413.60 at a garage sale to support "Change for Change," which provides school supplies for children in Afghanistan, organized by Marin kindergarten teacher Elsie DeLaere. Pictured, left to right, are Kye Stapleton Gray, Grace Patterson, Chloe Stapleton Gray and Sammy Lincroft. For more information about this program, contact Teacher DeLaere at e.de-laere@sbcglobal.net.

church in El Cerrito were at Fourth Street and Macdonald Avenue in Richmond on Oct. 28 to show their support for the Tent City at Nevin Park. The encampment had been up since late September as a community statement against violence that has plagued the Iron Triangle neighborhood and other parts of Richmond this year.

Congregation members gave out coats, clothing and toiletries to the needy, and men from the church barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs for all who wanted them.

The encampment has since departed after a month at the site, but the outreach from the St. Peter community and other groups will continue, said member Patricia Durham.

"This is the first of many," she said. "We plan to do this every month."

The presence of parishioners from St. Peter, the only African-American church in El Cerrito, was appropriate because the idea for the Tent City had its roots in a prayer breakfast held there in July, she said.

The Stop the Violence Prayer Breakfast was held in response to the Jan. 30 death of 16-year-old Jerrell Moore. No suspect has been found in that shooting.

"Out of that experience we got together and decided we need to talk about it more," said Durham, who was Moore's aunt. "The breakfast was a way to find out what other people are doing. Everybody had programs and visions, but nobody knew what everybody else was doing."

Area churches, officials and community groups were invited to attend, and those on hand included county Supervisor John Gioia, mayors Irma Anderson of

Richmond and Janet Abelson of El Cerrito, police representatives from Richmond and El Cerrito, the Rev. Andre Shumake and community activist Corky Boozé.

"What came out of that was a group of men who started the Tent City," Durham said.

The breakfast was also the genesis for St. Peter's outreach, known as the "Taking it to the Street Ministry."

Not only did they find people who were hungry for food, "people came up to us hungry for prayer," said Durham, who chairs the evangelism committee at the church, which is led by Pastor Frederick Taylor.

Another prayer breakfast is being planned for Jan. 27.

"If all this came off the first prayer breakfast, imagine what the next one can involve," Durham said.

— Chris Treadway

A computer can help you reach out, stay in

Once the weather starts changing, I'll be spending a lot more time indoors. I live alone. What can I do to avoid becoming a hermit?

It is very hard on anyone to be alone so much of the time. Maybe you should consider changing your lifestyle a bit.

With a little thought I believe you can find lots of things to do, and ways to communicate with others. The first question must be: Do you have a computer? I must assume

others, and certainly not only by telephone. There are many hookups that allow you to meet with others.

If you don't have a computer, by all means obtain one and learn how to use it. It provides a way of interacting with others. There is e-mail that allows the exchange of messages with friends and/or business associates.

There are also hundreds of computer sites that interest many people. Check them out if you have such an interest.

There are also games to play, if such things appeal to you. These are all ways of keeping busy, and yet you won't actually be seeing anyone else face to face.

What are your special interests? Do you have any particular

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There are also hundreds of



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that you do, because most people who are alone usually find a way to communicate with

OF THE WEEK

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

2 1/2-year-old white/tan Jack Russell terrier/Beagle mix; 10-year-old tan/black male shepherd mix; 1-year-old male brown and white American pit bull terrier; 4-year-old black female rottweiler mix; 2-year-old female brown shepherd mix; 1-year-old black female Scottish Fold; 2-year-old black/white female border collie mix; 1-year-old black/tan male wirehaired fox terrier.

1-year-old male brown domestic short hair (DSH); 2-year-old female white/orange/black calico DSH; 5-year-old female gray/white domestic long hair (DLH); 5-year-old male gray DSH; 5-year-old female black DSH; 5-year-old male brown tabby Norwegian Forest cat; 5-year-old female white DSH; 3-year-old female brown tabby DSH; 1-year-old female black DSH; 1-year-old male black/white domestic long hair; 4-year-old female tortoiseshell DSH; 5-year-old male black/white DSH; 3-year-old male black/white DLH; 11-year-old female tortie DSH; 2-year-old female brown tabby DSH; 4-year-old male black DSH; 3-year-old male black DSH; 5-month-old male black DSH; 6-year-old female tabby



BERKELEY-EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

MZ. CHANTAL is an 11-year-old domestic long hair tortie-colored cat, and may be available for adoption from the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. She enjoys playing hide-and-seek games. Come visit MZ. Chantal and other animals available for adoption at the Humane Society's Adoption Center.

Maine coon mix; 6-year-old female tortie DSH; 4-year-old female brown tabby DSH; 3-year-old male black/white DSH; 5-year-old male black DSH; 7-year-old male black/white domestic long hair; 4-year-old female tortoiseshell DSH; 5-year-old male black/white DSH; 3-year-old male black/white DLH; 11-year-old female tortie DSH; 2-year-old female brown tabby DSH; 4-year-old male black DSH; 3-year-old male black DSH; 5-month-old male black DSH; 6-year-old female tabby

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$100 — including spaying, neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

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THE JOURNAL

"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIALS

Relations with GGF likely to get chillier

ALBANY VOTERS spoke loud and clear Tuesday night with their selections for City Council. By selecting the "Save Our Shoreline Team" of Marge Atkinson and Joanne Wile, Albany residents have now filled the majority of council seats with strict environmentalists who adamantly oppose any large-scale development at the waterfront, whether proposed by Rick Caruso or any other developer that may come along.

If there were any doubt about whether Caruso had truly pulled the plug on his retail-housing project for the parking lots at Golden Gate Fields, Tuesday's results should dispel them. The new City Council will be even less responsive to his plans than the one that rejected his demands this summer, prompting him to withdraw his application before even submitting it. Perhaps Caruso saw then the writing on the wall — that there just wasn't sufficient support in the city for his development.

But while Caruso may be gone for good (or at least until enough voters change their views), a larger question remains from Tuesday's election. What will the city of Albany's relationship be with its largest taxpayer? Or more precisely, how poor will that relationship be?

Wile and Atkinson both expressed interest (though not very publicly) during their campaign in trying to work with Golden Gate Fields on a solution to the waterfront dilemma that would serve the interests of both the environmentalists who desire a public park and the racetrack. But given the hostility that developed between the shoreline team and GGF during the campaign, it seems more likely to us that George Bush and Nancy Pelosi will develop warmer relations over the next couple years than the racetrack and City Council.

The problem is that the council will now consist of three members — Atkinson, Wile and Robert Lieber — who clearly want the racetrack to disappear. They may not say it in so many words, but no one who has seriously followed their campaigns and actions can have any doubt that is the goal. All you have to do is look at the campaign literature of the shoreline team that showed a beautiful rendering of a waterfront park with no sign of a racetrack. All you have to do is listen to the constant drumbeat of speculation about the sorry financial state of the racetrack's owner, Magna Entertainment Corp., and the imminent collapse of the horse racing industry.

Golden Gate Fields has come to be viewed by many in Albany similar to the way Israel is viewed in the Middle East. Its neighbors reluctantly acknowledge its right to exist, but their strategy is centered around driving it out of existence. It's too bad, because the best hope for a waterfront park in Albany is for the city and racetrack to work together and find a middle ground. But what's the incentive to negotiate when you've already convinced yourself that your adversary is going to collapse under its own weight?

We hope we're wrong. We hope Wile, Atkinson and Lieber make a real effort to reach out to Golden Gate Fields and treat it as a partner in the process of planning the future of the waterfront. And we hope the racetrack owner will take a more realistic view of what is possible on its land, and be sensitive to the community's concerns. We hope both sides will listen to the moderate voices in Albany that don't want a Caruso-style development but do want to pursue other options that assume the racetrack is here to stay (which it probably is).

That would go a long way toward putting the bitterness of this campaign in the past and bringing the community, including the racetrack, together in an inclusive planning process.

If they don't — if the dissension and divisiveness within the community continues — then the people of Albany will be the real losers. Nothing will change, and their waterfront will continue to be more an embarrassment than a treasure.

Incumbents earn respect

Congratulations to Janet Abelson and Sandi Potter on their re-election to the El Cerrito City Council. The fact voters agreed to return these two dedicated public servants to the council shows they approve of the direction the city is taking under its current leadership.

And they have good reason to be happy. El Cerrito is clearly a city on the rise, from the revitalization of El Cerrito Plaza to the rebirth of the Cerrito Theater to the intense focus on public safety to the business- and family-friendly atmosphere.

While there will always be a small group of disgruntled residents eager to find flaws within their city's administration and faults in its leaders, there can be no doubt the majority of voters believe El Cerrito is a good place to live and getting better.

We're confident Abelson and Potter will continue to provide the leadership the city needs over the next four years to thrive as it addresses present and future challenges.

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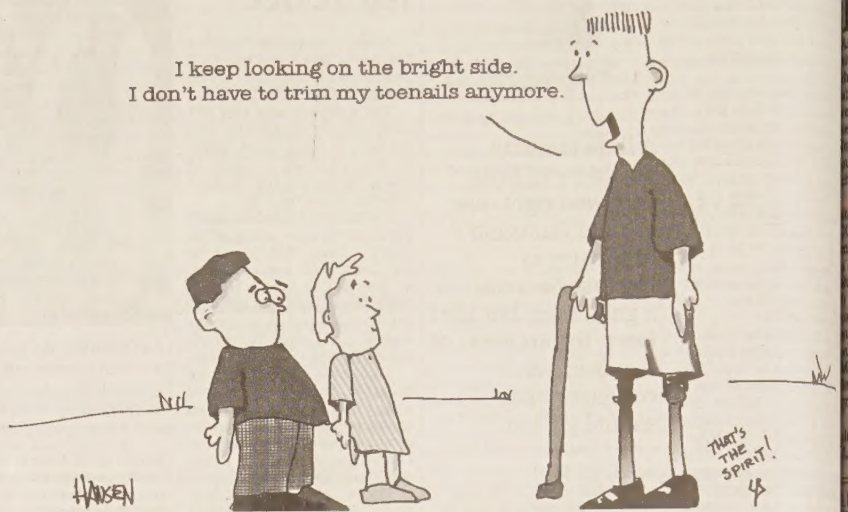
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ALWAYS REMEMBER OUR VETERANS AND THE SACRIFICES THEY HAVE MADE

I keep looking on the bright side.
I don't have to trim my toenails anymore.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where was the balanced coverage?

The editorial coverage in last week's edition of The Journal seemed egregiously slanted toward Albany City Council candidates Caryl O'Keefe and Francesco Papalia.

The long editorial, "Voters should be clear on waterfront issues," was clearly in favor of O'Keefe and Papalia, juxtaposing these two candidates who "are committed to exploring a range of options for the waterfront" with Marge Atkinson and Joanne Wile who, implicitly, would rather preserve empty parking lots for the foreseeable future.

One of the long guest commentaries specifically endorsed O'Keefe and Papalia and the commentary was given the positive and eye-catching title of "Two candidates offer hope for waterfront." The second guest commentary, which I suppose you offered as a "counterpoint," had no mention of Atkinson and Wile and offered no support for their campaign.

In the Letters to the Editor section, you had three letters that named and supported O'Keefe and Papalia. Again, one of these was given an eye-catching title — "Voting for Papalia and O'Keefe." In contrast, only two Letters to the Editor named and supported Atkinson and Wile; the candidates' names were not used in either title to capture the readers' attention.

This edition of The Journal, with its clear bias for candidates O'Keefe and Papalia, was a disservice to Albany residents and proponents of balanced journalism.

Mary Ellen Song
Albany

Apathetic lament

OK, I'll take the responsibility. As a vocal minority of pie-in-the-sky activists attended meeting after meeting, hectoring the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency and other city officials to pledge money to resurrect an old movie theater, I sat on my hands.

Sure, it was so obvious the project could never be an economic success, an architectural success or any other quantifiable success, that cooler heads would prevail.

Traffic? Who cares? Parking? Let's use some skewed statistics to "invent" empty spaces. Financial Success? C'mon, it's a theater for goodness sake, with a goal much loftier than that.

So now it opened and it's my own darn fault.

Kim Marlia
El Cerrito

Support Albany merchants

For every person who is championing the small town ambience of Albany, I have a request. For every person who has or hasn't taken a stance on development on the Albany waterfront, I have a request. That request is that you shop and eat out in Albany. Use services available in Albany. Simply put, support Albany merchants — they need your money.

According to figures from Albany City Hall, revenues have been flat for the last three years. This means overall revenues generated by businesses in Albany have not increased for three years. Business owners in Albany, with few exceptions, will assure you that costs for materials, various insurance costs, and business fees have increased.

No growth in revenue means more taxes for all businesses and property own-

ers because the city's expenses for services also have gone up. How does the city make up the increase in its expenses? It either cuts services or raises fees and/or puts taxes on a ballot measure. You, as a resident, decide how this will play out.

Buy what you need in Albany. You may pay a little more but you are saving gas, benefiting the environment, and saving wear and tear on your auto since you are not driving that far. In fact, if you walk locally to do your shopping, your body will thank you!

Words are cheap. Slogans are only ink on paper or words in the air, forgotten after the heat of the election is over or policy and plans are debated in council chambers and on the streets. Determining policy is important for Albany but will only be effective if the inner structure is strong and there is a healthy revenue base.

Albany residents determine the fate of our many small and local businesses. Shop Albany now and don't forget, the Christmas holidays are coming.

Karen Carlson-Olson
Albany

Thanks community

The Albany Firefighters Association would like to express its sincere thanks to the community of Albany for helping us raise more than \$1,100 during the 2006 Fire Prevention Week Pancake Breakfast and Open House.

With this money, we will be able to continue to donate funds toward the Alyssa Anne Rousch Burn Foundation and other local charities and organizations. The community was able to wrap up Fire Prevention Week with a delicious breakfast, fire extinguisher training and disaster preparedness coordination.

This was also a great opportunity for adults and children to see how the Albany Fire Department and the Albany residents can work together to be fire safe and prepared for local emergencies.

Every year, the open house draws a larger and larger crowd, and 2006 proved to be no exception! We look forward to seeing everyone back for 2007 and thank you again for your continued support.

James Berry
Albany

Berry is with the Albany Fire Department.

Unwise decision

On Oct. 16, the City Council, that the citizens of Albany elected, voted to uphold the decision of our Planning and Zoning Committee to allow Bright Star Montessori School to move into the site

of a former church at 1370 Marin Ave. This preschool, with up to 55 students, will be moving into a site on the corner of one of the busiest and most dangerous intersections in Albany, directly across the street from Marin Elementary School. Just a few weeks ago, a child was hit on his way to school.

As a Santa Fe Avenue resident living 50 feet from the site of Bright Star Montessori, we already have to deal with cars flying down our street well over the speed limit, never having parking in front of our house during the week, cars parking across our driveway and even, on occasion, in our driveway.

Since when is one business given more consideration than the concern of more than 100 neighbors and community members who vote and pay taxes? Why is a business granted a variance that allows it to have no off-street parking where none are required?

Furthermore, no environmental impact report was conducted, which is a serious omission because of the negative declarations.

What convinced the council to approve Bright Star Montessori School? Was it Swarna Matz's condescending "Big Bird" speech or the Bright Star parents' promise to always ride their bikes to work, even in the rain?

Maybe it was Matz saying how important it is to have affordable preschool. I can assure you, as a parent of a 4-year-old who attends preschool in Albany, Bright Star Montessori is not affordable for a family raising four children on one income.

Finally, it should be noted that one council member, as well as one member of the Planning and Zoning Committee, had the good sense to see that 1370 Marin Ave. is not the proper site for Bright Star Montessori School.

Maria Riggio
Albany

A love of reading

What a difference almost half a century makes!

Teachers, we are told, must now bribe students with extra-credit points to buy books to read, and some parents then begrudge the small expense.

Forty-six years ago, I taught ninth grade English at Miramonte High School. The students were so good, so enthusiastic that they crowded around every time another carton of books arrived for us.

Paperbacks we'd mutually agreed upon, which the school approved, bought, and the kids reimbursed me for with never a complaint. So that way, for about the price of a movie admission, we far outstripped the expected curriculum reading Edgar Allan Poe, and — intensely and most memorably, "King Lear."

Out of the blue, one of those 1960 students phoned me from New York about six months ago — just to touch base, tell me he had never forgotten what that class had done.

Admittedly we didn't contend with "child left behind," nor with the constant irritation of standardized tests from somewhere up above. Nor was there a war pay for, a \$50 trillion national debt, or college pressure beginning before serious education itself began.

So there seemed to be time, space and an inclination to read and, seemingly, a natural urge to learn.

Peter Neumeier
Kensington

WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

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Libraries look to increase staff diversity



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

What the library's existence necessarily predicated on its presence to the communities it serves demands that we pay more than cursory attention to the burgeoning national diversity of our ability, thus far, to reflect that diversity in our ranks.

— From Foreword of "Diversity Counts" from the American Library Association (ALA) Offices for Research and Statistics and Diversity, September 2006

ence) minority education and recruitment programs are able to yield just enough new graduates to provide for the replacement of retirees and those leaving the profession prematurely.

Another point made in this study is that "credentialed and non-credentialed librarians, as well as library technicians and assistants, are predominantly female, white and are not limited by disability."

Noncredentialed librarians have a slightly better showing, while library assistants are more predominantly female, white and under 35 years old. The study looks at general findings across all positions and library types, and then uses all the information to look at the implications of this study. Implications for professional participation, recruitment and retention, retirement, employment opportunities, library setting and LIS education are all examined.

It is a huge amount of infor-

mation that could be overwhelming and disheartening. So I particularly appreciate these two sentences: "But the real power of this data lies not in what is presented here, but in what we will do with it. The evidence provided is compelling enough to influence library education, recruitment initiatives, human resource and staff development, continued education, collection management, program and service planning, and grant and policy-making for the next decade, but will it?"

Certainly, the ALA affiliate REFORMA (The Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking) has recently devoted much discussion on its Listserv to how to address the issues highlighted in this report. And the ALA Web site has numerous links to documents about diversity, including diversity plans prepared by various institutions. One of these is the University of Arizona, which has a Web page (<http://blog.litc.arizona.edu/uadiversity/>) called "Diversity @ The University of Arizona," with links to the various parts of its program.

Included on this page are statements from UA campus leaders, such as "Diversity, fairness, and hospitableness... are essential to our future... essential to our fundamental mission of serving students

and preparing them for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century world."

Another excellent document is the Ocean County (New Jersey) Library system's 44-page "Diversity Plan for Branch Managers 2006-2007." While this plan addresses the challenge of meeting the needs of a diverse population, in the long run it will help to encourage a more diverse group of people interested in becoming part of such a dedicated and responsive library system.

The idea of increasing diversity in libraries is an ongoing and challenging one, and there is no one action that will make it happen. Instead, it will be small steps in every library and every library school and every library organization. Together, we will help to ensure our libraries are enriched and invigorated by the same wonderful diversity as the communities we serve.

In writing about the Albany Reads program in last week's column, I neglected to include the Albany Community Foundation as part of the collaboration.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@acfb.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, Ext. 17. Read past columns at www.juliewinkelstein.com.

ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

Albany High School

CAREER DAY: If you did not turn in a completed Career Day selection sheet last week, please drop yours off in the Career Day box in the attendance office, where blank sheets are also available. Your selection sheet is the best way to ensure that you get to see the speakers you want to see on Career Day.

PARENT ED PROGRAM: A Parent Ed program on parents, teens and anger is scheduled for Thursday at 7:15 p.m. in the library. Topics include how parents and teens can manage conflict better. Join AHS parents, students, faculty, Principal Ron Rosenbaum and Barbara Stagers, division chief of adolescent medicine at Children's Hospital, Oakland. Child care is available by reservation only at merry-sek@earthlink.net.

THEATER PRODUCTION: Pretendocide, the fall production from TheatreEnsemble, continues tonight and Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater. Tickets are \$5/students, \$10/adults. Information is available at www.myspace.com/ahsuniol.

YEARBOOK ADS: For seniors, yearbook buddy ads are now available for reservation. Picture payment and forms are due by Dec. 8. Baby ads have been extended until Nov. 30. Please submit your payment and form to Room 206 or Ms. Chiarella's mail box in the main office.

TUTOR SOUGHT: A volunteer tutor for government class is sought after school for a resource student. Come to Room 219. The need is for someone who can explain clearly and simply. Female preferred.

RECYCLING: Cartridges for Kids recycles cell phones, PDAs, laptops, printer cartridges and inkjet cartridges. Bring them from home, your office, your church, your favorite business, wherever. Please drop them off at the main office or the WorkAbility office.

CAREER DAY: Career Day is a few days away, and help is needed. Ticketing Evening is Monday from 6 to 9 p.m. in the library. Volunteers will match students with their top choices of Career Day presenters by issuing them "tickets" based on their completed selection sheets. Second, day-of-the-event support is needed Thursday from about 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to audit the presentations, give feedback, and to help welcome and orient the presenters. Third, volunteers are needed who can provide snacks for Ticketing.

Evening or brunch items (baked goods, etc.) for the presenters on the morning of Career Day. Please contact Becca Burns at 510-558-2508.

PTSA MINI-GRANTS: Do you have great ideas or special projects with no money to carry them out? The AHS PTSA may have the solution. The PTSA has \$20,000 available to fund proposals related to student activities through the PTSA Mini-Grants. Please submit your proposals by Nov. 30 for consideration. Applications for PTSA Mini-Grants are available in the main office.

Albany Middle School

TUTORING AVAILABLE: After-school tutoring is available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in Room 211. This is for students who would like help with homework and is run by AHS students. AMS students are welcome to attend, but please remember you must come prepared with homework, books, paper and pencil and be ready to study.

Cornell Elementary

INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK: Your child has received a copy of the International Cookbook. You may purchase it for \$10. Additional copies are available while supplies last. Proceeds will support the Edible Garden and other PTA programs.

Marin Elementary

CALENDAR DATES: Future calendar dates: The next PTA meeting is Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m.; Community Sing is Wednesday morning, Nov. 22 at 8:30; and the fourth- and fifth-grade chorus concert is Wednesday morning, Nov. 29, at 8:40.

BOOK FAIR: The Book Fair sold more than \$16,000 in merchandise, meeting the goal and earning more than \$3,800, including \$700 worth of library books for Marin School and many generous book donations to classrooms.

UNICEF BOXES: Please continue to drop off in the office UNICEF boxes, PTA dues, used inkjet and laser printer cartridges, SCRIIP orders, lunch money envelopes, General Mills boxtops, and donations to the Albany Music Fund, the Albany Education Foundation, and School-CARE.

— Bob Menzinger

E-mail Albany school notes to megabob@pacbell.net.

EL CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

El Cerrito High School

PARENT WORKSHOP: There will be a free parent workshop on college finances from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20. Sue Kim, an expert college financial consultant, will present the nuts and bolts of financial aid, the elements of the aid package, cash flow strategies, and much more. This workshop is intended for parents of high schoolers, but parents of middle schoolers are also encouraged to attend.

CAR WASH: Freshmen parents are needed to help with supervision and supplies for the car wash at the AC Delco station (near El Cerrito Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. If you can help or donate or lend items such as food and drinks for the students, sponges, towels, buckets, car soap, e-mail Jill Mishima tmishima@comcast.net.

PAGETURNERS: The next meeting of the Pageturners book club will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday in room 33.

RECYCLING CONTEST: The recycling contest ends Wednesday, Nov. 29. The Harding classroom that collects the most used electronics and cartridges wins an ice cream party. Ask family, friends and businesses to save these items for the school: used empty ink jet cartridges; laser cartridges; used cell phones; laptops (with power cords); PDA/Palm Pilots (with accessories) or iPods (with accessories).

Harding Elementary

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— Craig Lazeretti

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El Cerrito school sites' safety questioned

Officials assessing whether seismic tests needed; Cameron, Portola proposes atop historic landslide area

By Kimberly S. Wetzel

STAFF WRITER

West Contra Costa Unified District officials are looking into whether children at Cameron Elementary, an early prevention school, are safe in the face of new information showing that an earthquake could trigger a landslide at the El Cerrito school crumpled under seismic pressure. District engineering officer Savidge said staff and geotechnical surveys weren't done before because there are no plans to rebuild the campus. "It wasn't overlooked, it just wasn't done," Savidge said. "We didn't do any surveys for the site because the school actually was not scheduled for reconstruction or modernization under the bond program. So it wasn't on our radar."

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— Robert Brower

city, Cameron School, like Portola Middle School, appears to sit atop land that has a history of landslides and could move or collapse if an earthquake shakes the area.

Savidge said no upgrades had been performed on the school, built in 1951, and a geotechnical survey wasn't done before because there are no plans to rebuild the campus.

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Gretchen Borg, chairwoman of the district's Community Advisory Committee on Special Education, said she feels "sickened" that Cameron appears to be unsafe.

"The building itself is kind of hazardous on its own," Borg said, noting the glass ceiling and unsecured bookshelves lining flimsy portable walls.

Cameron, west of Portola at 7140 Gladys Ave., is a special education early intervention school that provides learning programs for infants, toddlers and preschoolers and their families. The school serves about 1,000 students per year, Borg said.

The board directed staff members to look into the safety of Cameron last month after school board candidate Robert Brower brought the school's potentially hazardous location, inside a designated geologic hazard area, to board members' attention.

"If you have a heart, you want to be an advocate for them," Brower said of the babies and little children at the school. "If you have a heart."

Brower, who has actively campaigned on a platform to address the safety issues at Portola and Cameron, has repeatedly suggested that students should be removed from both campuses immediately because an earthquake could occur at any time.

The district has been grappling with what to do about Portola Middle, which cannot be rebuilt on the current site because to do so in a seismically safe manner would be difficult and costly. The school consists of an upper pad with classrooms on top of a hill and a lower pad with sporting facilities on the bottom.

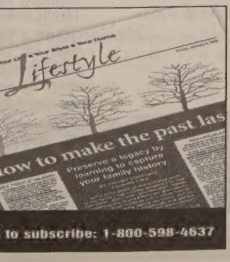
School officials, who will have to either find another site to build a new middle school campus to house Portola's 640 students or find existing school property for expansion, are holding public meetings to solicit ideas. Bruce Harter, WCCUSD superintendent, has said the district is examining several possibilities.

Savidge said both schools, built in the 1950s, show no signs of cracks or other indications of landslide or earthquake damage and withstood the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

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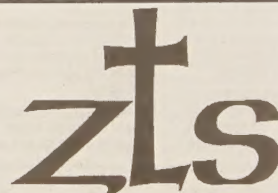
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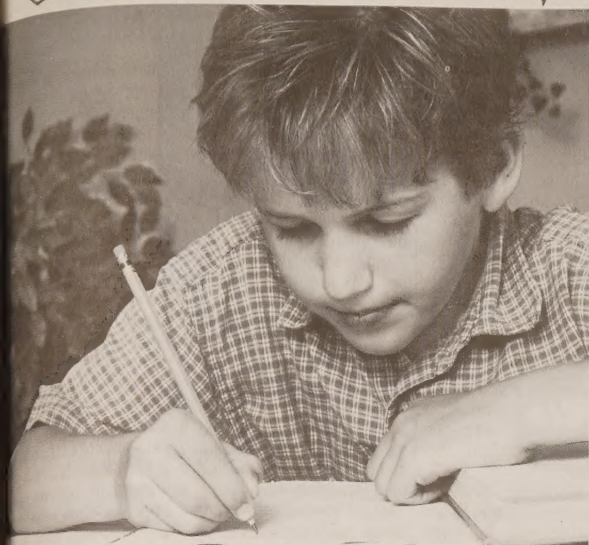
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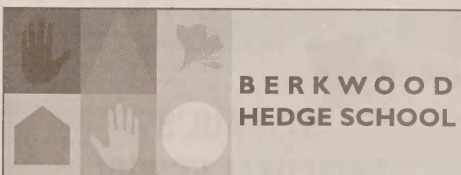
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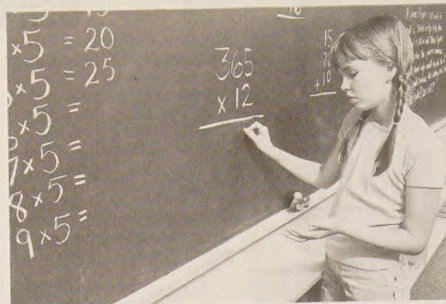


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
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CHILDREN/TEENS

Day School — All School In-
ternship Open House, 2-4 p.m. Dec.
9. Open house for K-8 school, meet
teachers and students. In El Cer-
rito. Details: 510-233-3013, Ext.
200.

Day School Kindergarten
Open House, 10 a.m. Jan. 7.
Meet the staff, meet the school and
learn about curriculum and
philosophy. Meet parents.
Details: Amy, 510-233-
3013, Ext. 200.

Enrollment — Fall enrollment now.
K-13. Open house, 10 a.m. Nov. 12.
Learn about the school's interac-
tive curriculum and how it
meets the needs of the
community. In Albany. De-
tails: 510-233-3013, Ext. 200.

MUSIC

Concert — 7:30
p.m. Nov. 12. Jack Gates Trio performs
jazz and popular music tradi-
tion. Unique musical palette.
1228 Solano Ave.,
Albany. Details: 510-
528-1680.

Contra Costa Chorale — concert
Nov. 12, 7 p.m. Nov. 12. Works of Mozart, Bach,
Handel, Persichetti, and
other composers. Contra Costa
Chorale, 1501 Washington
Ave., Albany. Details: 510-528-1685, [www.mu-
sic.org](http://www.mu-
sic.org).

Hopalong Animal Rescue — Pets
available for adoption and foster home
placement. Dogs available 12-3 p.m.
Nov. 18 at PetSmart, 1001 Eastshore
Highway, Albany. 510-267-1915,
www.hopalong.org.

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FILM/DANCE/STAGE

Contra Costa Civic Theatre — "And
Then There Were None," Nov. 10-Dec.
9. Agatha Christie's murder mystery.
Show times: 8 p.m. Fridays and Sat-
urdays; 2 p.m. on Nov. 19, Nov. 26 and
Dec. 3. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito.
\$11-\$18. 510-524-9132, www.cctc.org.

**Albany High School Theatre En-
semble** — "Pretend-O-Cide," through
Nov. 11. Adaptation of Alfred Jarry's
1896 "Ubu the King." Showtimes: 7
p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays-Sat-
urdays. Albany High School Little Theatre,
603 Key Route Blvd., Albany. \$5-\$10.
Details: www.myspace.com/ahsburoi.

COMMUNITY

El Cerrito Lions Club — Veteran's
Day observance, 8 a.m. Nov. 11. Lions
club and Boy Scouts place small Amer-
ican flags on over 1000 veteran's
graves. Volunteers welcome; wear rain
boots and bring a screwdriver for flag
planting. Coffee, juice and donuts for
volunteers. Meet at lower parking lot,
Sunset View Cemetery, 101 Colusa
Ave., El Cerrito. Dean, 510-233-6663.

RabbiEARS — Healing Circle for
Animals, 4-5 p.m. Nov. 11 and Dec. 2;
\$25. Animal Communication, 5-6 p.m.
Nov. 11 and Dec. 9; one-on-one ses-
sion with animal whisperer, \$25. Non-
Anesthetic Teeth Cleaning for cats and
dogs, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 18 and Dec.
16, \$45. Lonely Hearts Critter Boys
Club, 2-4 p.m. Dec. 3; meet neutered
male bunnies, guinea pigs, rats and
hamsters. Kensington Second annual
Holiday Craft Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec.
10; over 30 vendors. 303 Arlington
Ave., Kensington. Details: 510-525-
6155, fixpets@yahoo.com.

Kensington Farmer's Market —
Kensington Elementary School stu-
dents sell holiday cards, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Nov. 12 and Nov. 19; proceeds benefit
Progress Elementary School in Baton
Rouge, Louisiana. Narsai David bottle
signing, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 19. 303 Ar-
lington Ave., Kensington. Details: 510-
528-4346 or
kensingtonfm@yahoo.com.

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Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Al-
bany. Free. 510-848-9358,
fivecreeks@aol.com, www.fivecreeks.org.

**Alameda County Community Food
Bank** — Holiday Food Drive, through
Dec. 31. Sponsor a Food Drive at your
business, school, place of worship or
community center. Help Food Bank col-
lect nutritious, nonperishable food for
families in need during holiday season.
Details: 510-635-3663, Ext. 318; food-
drive@accfb.org; www.accfb.org.

**Sutter Visiting Nurses Association
& Hospice** — flu shot clinics, through
Jan. 6. \$25 for flu shots, \$35 for pneu-
monia shots. To find a nearby clinic:
800-500-2400 or
www.sutterhealth.org/health/flushot/index.html or
www.suttervna.org/services/services_flushot.html.

EXHIBITS

Wiley Manuel Courthouse — "Doris
Mendell: Recent Paintings," through
Nov. 30. Art exhibit by Albany resident.
Third Floor Jury Room, 661 Washington
St., Oakland.

El Cerrito Art Association — Ex-
hibits through November. Member
Madeline Ibrahim's abstract acrylic
paintings show at El Cerrito Community
Center Gallery, 7007 Mooser Lane; and
at Bank of America, 10422 San Pablo
Ave., El Cerrito. Art Association mem-
bers are exhibiting artwork at El Cerrito
Department of Motor Vehicles, 6400
Manila Ave.; and at El Cerrito Library,
6510 Stockton Ave. Details: 510-526-
9564.

ONGOING

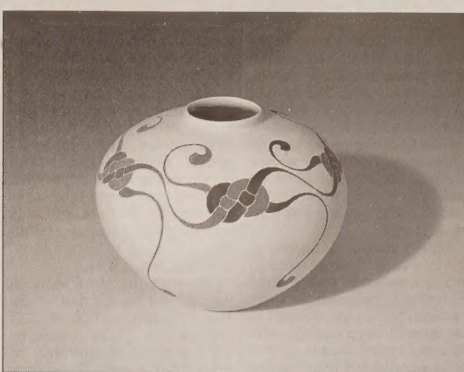
DONATIONS

Cars needed — Boys and Girls
Clubs throughout California run car
campaigns to help support their pro-
grams. To donate a car, call 800-246-
0493. Some restrictions apply.

The Turnabout Shop — Seeking
thrift shop volunteers at 10052 San
Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. Proceeds sup-
port local health care needs. Shop
hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays, Tues-
days, Fridays and Saturdays. Donations
of clothing and household items are
welcome. 510-525-7844.

CHILDREN/TEENS

Contra Costa Civic Theatre — Of-
fers theater classes and seminars for
children, and youth and adult programs
including summer camps, stage craft



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Ming to Bling!

FUN AND UNUSUAL ceramics are on display at the Berkeley
Potters Guild Gallery Show and Holiday Sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov.
25-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17; Dec. 18-24. "Ming to Bling!" ceramics
show in gallery. 731 Jones St. Free admission. Details: 510-524-
7031, www.berkeleypotters.com.

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Ave., El Cerrito. 510-524-9132,
www.cctc.org.

Special Children's Programs — 9
a.m.-noon Mondays-Thursdays. For
children 22 months-3½ years old. Safe
atmosphere, qualified supervision. El
Cerrito Community Center, 7007
Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. Registration
continuous, space permitting. 510-215-
4371.

Albany Karate for Kids — Nonag-
gressive classes for ages 4-16 taught
by a female black belt instructor.
Classes help develop self-confidence
and skill. Albany Community Center,
1249 Marin Ave., Albany. 510-847-2400,
<http://albanykarateforkids.com>.

Kurukula — Empowerment classes
for young women ages 9-13. Fun and
dynamic self-defense class including
music and discussions. Informal Rap
sessions include bullies, boyfriends,
peer-pressure and more. Albany Com-
munity Center, 1249 Marin Ave. 510-
847-2400, www.kurukula.com.

FILM/DANCE/STAGE

Folk Dancing — 8-11 p.m. Fridays.
Line dances taught from Rumania, Bul-
garia, Israel, Turkey, the Near East and
more. No partners or experience neces-
sary; all ages welcome. Wear comfort-
able shoes. Albany YMCA, 921 Kains
Ave. Small admission fee. 510-525-1130.

Folkdance classes — 9:30-11:30
a.m. Mondays. For all levels. Arlington
Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave.,
Kensington. \$30 for six-week session
(pro-rated fees apply), \$8 for drop-in
session. Details: Mel, 510-848-5289, be-
fore 9 p.m.

MEETINGS/LECTURES

El Cerrito Lions Club — Meets 7
p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays
monthly. Hacienda Restaurant, 12020
San Pablo Ave., Richmond. Second
Tuesday is Guest Night with dinner, a
short business meeting, and a speaker;
fourth Tuesday is dinner and Board
of Directors meeting. Dinner \$13. Reser-
vations: Dean, 510-233-6663.

Simplicity Forum — Meets monthly
to discuss ways to change lives by
finding ways to work less, consume
less, rush less, have more time to build
community with friends and family, and
live more lightly upon the planet. 510-
526-6596, www.simplifyliving.net.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) —
Albany Chapter meetings, 9:30 a.m.

Mondays. 980 Stannage Ave., Albany.
Details: Mary, 510-526-3711.

El Cerrito Toastmasters — Meets
7:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays
monthly. Group offers basic public
speaking and leadership activities and
programs. Speakers of all skill levels in-
vited. El Cerrito Community Center,
7007 Mooser Lane. Details: Jim,
jim@peachpit.com.

Kol Hadash — Jewish Humanistic
(non-theistic) Congregation celebrates
major Jewish holidays, holds special
events, and meets at Albany Commu-
nity Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany.
Group meets 7:30 p.m. fourth Fridays
monthly for Shabbat (Sabbath), and
two Sundays monthly for Sunday
School and Bar/Bat Mitzvah classes. A
Family Brown Bag Shabbat is held at
11 a.m. on second Saturdays of odd
months at Albany Senior Center, 846
Masonic Ave., Albany. 510-428-1492,
www.kolhadash.org.

SUPPORT

Neighborhood Parents Network —
Offers information, support, social and
educational events, a monthly newslet-
ter, play groups, support groups,
preschool and elementary school info,
more for East Bay families. 877-648-
5437, www.npnonline.org.

Narconon — Nonprofit public benefit
organization specializing in helping
people with drug or alcohol addictions
offers free professional assessments,
advice, referrals to over 11,000 treat-
ment centers nationally. 600-556-8885,
<http://drugrehab.net>.

Narconon Arrowhead — Help in
coping with addicts. Narconon Arrow-
head offers free counseling, assess-
ments, referrals to rehabilitation cen-
ters. 800-468-6933,
www.stopaddiction.com.

**National Alliance on Mental Ill-
ness-East Bay Chapter** — sponsors a
free monthly family support group at Al-
bany United Methodist Church, 980
Stannage Ave., Albany. 510-524-1250,
www.nami.org.

Mid-Life Women's Group — Meets
7-8:30 p.m. Mondays. For support,
friendship and sharing issues; with an
experienced facilitator. 510-237-2210.

Charcot Marie Tooth — Quarterly
support group meetings are held at Al-
bany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. CMT is a
neuropathic disorder. Details: Gail, 408-
425-5629.

Support Groups for Mothers —
Sessions for first-time mothers and ba-
bies (younger than 5 months) at Ann

Martin Children's Center. Experienced
facilitator. 510-524-0821.

Women's Cancer Resource Center
— To attend a support group, call
Helpline at 510-420-7900 during Cen-
ter's open hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon-
days-Thursdays and noon-4 p.m. sec-
ond and fourth Saturdays monthly.

LEARNING

World Affairs/Politics group —
meets 9-45-11:15 a.m. Mondays. For
people aged 60+. Albany Senior Center,
846 Masonic Ave. \$3 per week includes
refreshments. Details: 510-524-9122.

St. John's Prime Timers — 9:30
a.m. Tuesdays in Berkeley. Ongoing
classes in ceramics, weaving, copper
enameling, exercise and creative writ-
ing. New members, seniors older than
50 are welcome. Discount lunches of-
fered. 510-845-6830.

Community Country Dance — 8-11
p.m. second Fridays monthly. Intro
class is 7:30 p.m.; Contra, circle, and
couple dances with live fiddle music,
prompted by caller. No partners re-
quired, beginners welcome; wear
clean, non-marking shoes. Prospect
Sierra School, 960 Avis Drive, El Cer-
rito. \$10. 510-233-7929.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre — Of-
fers theater classes and seminars,
taught by professionals, for all ages, all
year, including summer camps, stage
craft seminars, after-school programs,
theater techniques and improvisation.
Classes at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito.
510-524-9132, <http://cctc.org>.

Assets Senior Employment — Of-
fers a job training program for income-
eligible people 55 and older living in
Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Al-
bany. Earn when you learn. Interested
in working with children? Receive col-
lege credit in Early Childhood Develop-
ment while being paid. 510-238-3554.

MISCELLANEOUS

Asian Outreach Program — Center
for Independent Living assists Asians
with disabilities, particularly new immi-
grants, providing services and advoca-
cy in Cantonese, Vietnamese and
English. Staff knows community and
government services available to dis-
abled. Details: CIL, 510-763-9999.

Three wishes Inc. — Free power
wheelchairs available to senior citizens
and permanently disabled if they qual-
ify: those who cannot walk and cannot
self-propel a manual wheelchair in their
home, and meet program guidelines.
No deposit required. 800-839-5715.

Kensington Senior Activity Center
— Meets 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays.
West Contra Costa Adult School pre-
sents classes and events for those 55
and older. Arlington Community
Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington.
510-526-9146, 510-547-1969.

MUSIC

Contra Costa Chorale — Accepting
new singers and soloists. Rehearsals,
7:15-9:45 p.m. Mondays. Hillside Com-
munity Church, 1422 Naville St., El
Cerrito. Sign ups: 510-527-2026, or
come to rehearsals. Details: [www.cc-
chorale.org](http://www.cc-
chorale.org).

VOLUNTEERS

California Peace Action — Volun-
teers needed to assist paid staff, work
independently, provide technical sup-
port and aid in community outreach.
Dedicated to building a citizen's move-
ment for changes in United States for-
eign policy. 510-849-2272, Ext. 104,
sophia@californiapeaceaction.org.

Albany Senior Center — Volunteer
opportunities at 846 Masonic Ave., Al-
bany. Shopping van drivers, desk work,
special events, kitchen helpers. Meals-
On-Wheels drivers and more. Donate a
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510-524-9122.

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NEWSPAPERS**

German

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to Kinderstube, most of the parents who are organizing the school are Kinderstube veterans.

"We're going to start with one Kindergarten class, and maybe a first grade, too, if there's enough interest," said Anke Thiele, who heads the parents group. "After that, we'll add another grade each year until we reach Grade 5. But our ultimate goal is to extend through the eighth grade."

Thiele said the parents first toyed with the idea of creating a school on their own.

"But we finally decided to partner with the German International School. After all, why reinvent the wheel?"

The German International School is the only elementary school in the western United States that meets the German government's strict accreditation requirements, enabling a seamless entry for the students into the German and European educational systems if they so choose. The German government provides some of its funding.

In addition to a cross-cultural,

dual-language academic program, the Berkeley campus will offer extracurriculars such as swimming, tennis, drama, dance, ceramics and instruction in other languages, including French, Spanish and Mandarin.

At the heart of the curriculum is the German philosophy of education, which is to nurture the whole child, not just the mind.

"Structure is OK, but not too much," Thiele said. "We want to encourage social and emotional skills, critical and imaginative thinking, communication and spontaneity. That's why we put so much emphasis on play, especially in kindergarten. They'll pick up on the reading and writing anyway."

Cronin added, "Germans see children as a tree that needs a strong emotional root system from which the academics can grow and branch out. Americans just shoot them up quickly, without a root system. And at the first blow, whether it's in college or the work world, they just fall over."

The German International School is the latest installment in a growing trend in the East Bay toward dual-language instruction, following the Ecole

Bilingue de Berkeley, a French language school, and Mondo Bambini, an Italian language preschool.

"Parents want their children to speak more than one language to be part of this globalized world," Cronin said. "They want them to be educated in a mindset and a school environment that embraces the cultural diversity of today's and tomorrow's society."

Kinderstube director Anna Maria Torok added: "Studies have shown that children's brains develop faster when they're bilingual, and they pick up third and fourth languages more easily. Besides, the only way to speak a language without an accent is to learn it early. After 12, forget it."

The German International School will be located at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave.. Children must be 4.5 years old at the start of school, but no prior knowledge of German is required. The student/teacher ratio will be kept to 15-to-2.

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Albany

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about 19 percent of the vote.

Absentee and provisional ballots were still being counted, however.

Robert Cheasty, who is chairman emeritus for Citizens for the Albany Shoreline and president of Citizens for East Shore Parks, said now there is a chance Magna Entertainment Corp., which owns Golden Gate Fields, will give up its plan to seek a "radical rezoning" of the waterfront because of the election.

"This town will not allow the radical rezoning they want," he said, as evidenced by the election results.

Howard McNenny, president of the Albany Waterfront Coalition, said the parking lot at Golden Gate Fields, which was the site of proposed development, will continue to be an eyesore.

"I think we had an opportunity to work with the landowner to do something that would be beneficial for the city," he said.

"That opportunity has passed for the time being."

Sally Outis, chairwoman of Concerned Albany Neighbors, which supports development, thinks it is possible an initiative focused on conditions that would make it difficult — if not impossible — for the racetrack to continue to exist on the waterfront will be brought forward.

The council could vote to put it on the ballot.

"They have three votes, and that's all it would take," Outis said. During the campaign, Atkinson and Wile drew the ire of the racetrack, which sent out four pieces of campaign literature. The pieces listed "facts about Golden Gate Fields and the Albany waterfront," said Atkinson and Wile want the track to close, and explained what would happen if it did.

The candidates responded with campaign literature accusing the racetrack of lies.

They said they have never stated they want the racetrack to close and that Golden Gate Fields is misrepresenting the impact a potential closure would have on

residents' taxes.

"It sounds like we're some fence-mending," Atkinson said Wednesday.

She said she is willing with the racetrack: "I don't have a choice."

Peter Tunney, general manager of the racetrack, said Golden Gate Fields has been in the community in Albany for more than 60 years and has had with many different owners.

Lieber, however, said doesn't need to compromise with the racetrack. It is up to them to submit any development plans, which will be approved by the city with due regard. Meanwhile, the city will complete the city-independence planning. Lieber said.

Brian Parker, the executive director of Citizens for the Albany Shoreline and campaign manager of the shoreline team, said a majority will allow the waterfront to give staff some direction the city planning process.

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Reconciliation

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third-highest vote total to squeak past fourth-place finisher Antonio Medrano, said he is confident the new board can stop arguing and behave as adults. Ramsey said he hopes to start off his new term by working to conduct himself in a more tactful manner.

"It was a hard-fought campaign," Ramsey said. "There were a lot of people on both sides who are passionate about their positions, but we have to put that aside and work together as a team. I realize I need to make some changes and stay focused on the objectives."

A board member since 1993, Ramsey has had several angry outbursts over the years, including one last year in which he got into a loud and aggressive verbal argument with a technician at a board meeting.

Miles, a relative unknown before the race whose win was a surprise to many, said she is concerned the board could remain split based on "sides" during the campaign.

Ramsey and Kronenberg are friends and often campaigned on behalf of each other along with current board member Karen Pfeifer, Miles and Dave Brown, who was not up for re-election, were part of another camp supported by the teachers union and the Public Employees Union Local One, which launched a campaign against Ramsey.

"I'm hoping that all the players come together on the board and we're able to work together and people can put their egos aside," Miles said.

Kronenberg, an El Cerrito adult school teacher, received about 18.7 percent of the vote, while Miles, a kindergarten teacher from Richmond, was close behind with about 18.4 percent.

Ramsey, an El Cerrito attorney, had 15.7 percent of the vote.

There are still about 4,000 absentee ballots to be counted countywide, which could give Medrano a boost, though it is unlikely he could overtake Ramsey.

Medrano, considered a favorite by many to win, said Wednesday that he feels he ran a good race and is already planning

to run again in 2008.

Ramsey will remain on the board as the most veteran member overseeing the district. Pfeifer and Brown were elected in 2004, and longtime board members Karen Leong Fenton and Glen Price chose not to seek re-election.

The board oversees students in Richmond, Pinole, Hercules, San Pablo, El Cerrito, El Sobrante and Kensington and is in charge of the district's \$1 billion-plus bond construction program.

Kronenberg, a member of the district's Bond Oversight Committee, said she feels honored that voters have confidence in her abilities and she looks forward to rolling up her sleeves.

"I feel very good. We worked incredibly hard on this," Kronenberg said.

"I felt like people really believed in my message, and the many hundreds of voters that I called on the phone heard me. And I heard them."

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Lynch

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hobbies that you pursue? Inasmuch as you plan to spend most of your time indoors, it sounds as if your hobbies, if any, are inside activities.

Certainly nothing is more satisfying than good things to read.

Perhaps you have a special plant collection. Of course, neither of these activities provides you with company.

Perhaps you can consider some activities that will bring you to other people, or bring other people to you.

Is there a senior center fairly near to where you live?

Most cities these days provide transportation for older adults who no longer drive.

I believe that both taxis and buses are available, and they will come to your house to pick you up.

Senior centers usually provide appropriate mental and physical exercise classes, and with door-to-door transportation, it should not be too difficult to make this effort on a regular basis.

If you do not know the types of activities that go on in your nearest senior center, phone them and ask for an activities

bulletin to be sent to you.

Do you play any games with groups of people that you know?

Or do you have a few special friends with whom you could get together?

Perhaps you could ask some of them to visit you for a small meal, or to play bridge or a board game such as Parcheesi.

In any case, there are a number of options open to you, but they will take a bit of effort on your part. Keep in mind that you are not the only loner when bad weather arrives.

I have little doubt that it would take only a small amount of action to discover others in the same situation as yourself, and to get yourself some company.

Do give it a try!

E-mail inquiries for Kensington resident Connie Lynch to conniemw@aol.com. Lynch, Ph.D., is the founder of Mind Works, a mental fitness program designed for older adults, and is the author of "Don't Lose Your Mind, Four Components of Superior Mental Fitness." For information on books and classes, call 510-466-5833 or visit www.blsinc.com/mind-works.htm. Check out Connie's blog at dlym.blogspot.com.

School

FROM PAGE 1

lies because of its solid academic record and small class sizes, which in turn have put a strain on the district from overcrowding, especially at the 52-year-old high school.

Calloway has a sixth grader at Albany Middle School, and Walden, who won her second term, has two boys in the district.

Both candidates said they want to increase teacher diversity and retention in the schools to better serve an increasingly diverse student body.

They also want to bring teachers into the discussion of revising curriculum to address the needs of all students.

"For years, our discussion about curriculum in the district has been constrained by an extraordinary lack of funds and a climate of dissension and dis-

agreement," Walden said. "Now we've solved the horrible fiscal crises ... and now we're at the point where we can really talk about curriculum."

Glasser, a financial expert who heads the public finance department of Bank of the West, said during the campaign that his priorities would be fiscal responsibility, open government with community-decision making, performance measurement and evaluation of public programs.

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Berkeley's Rose Walk complex a work of art

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located in the Berkeley Hills next to Socrates Park and the Berkeley Gardens, the Berkeley Rose Walk is one of the East Bay's most charming and celebrated pedestrian walkways.

The walk was designed by Maybeck and completed with donations from the surrounding community. Added to the City in 1924, it was designated a Work of Civic Art in 1968, and in 1975, a Berkeley landmark.

Florence Dickens Gray and her husband Dr. B. Frank Gray purchased the property along the walk shortly after Berkeley's 1923 fire.

The Grays commissioned architect Henry Higby Guttererson to create an integrated community of houses, duplexes, and cottages on the lots bordering the pedestrian walkway.

The development, a monument to gracious community living, was completed in 1936.

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Henry Higby Guttererson

■ A look at the Rose Walk development architect

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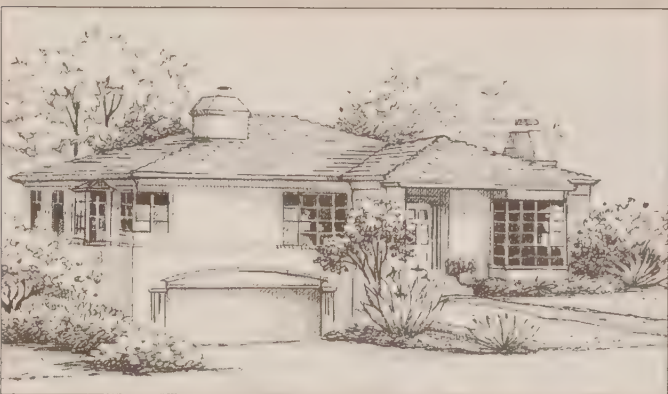
Henry Higby Guttererson was born in 1884 in Minnesota. He graduated from Berkeley High School in 1903, and from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Architecture in 1905.

Guttererson attended L'Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris from 1906 to 1909. After a brief stay

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Real Estate Spotlight

Lovely Art Deco home in Oakland's Redwood Heights



Art Deco was the quintessential style of the 1920s and '30s. New technologies enabled the building of dramatically different interiors celebrating the Machine Age, particularly through use of round-edged man-made materials like glass and steel. The three-bedroom, two-bath home at 4327 Detroit Ave. in Oakland built in 1939 is an excellent example of Art Deco architecture. Pleasing geometric pattern repetitions typical of the style create a sculptural look throughout, in the wooden-slatted living room ceiling, random-plank hardwood floors, and tall steel casement windows with curved multi-lites. The dining area has a curved alcove and handsome Art Deco light fixture, and there is simple elegance in the eat-in kitchen with its geometric floor design and frosted, angled window. All the bedrooms are gracious and have round-edged ceiling and floor trim. Downstairs is a big family room with access to a gorgeous level backyard with lots of lawn and a stone patio. Also on this level are a second bath, laundry, and entrance to the roomy two-car garage. Located in coveted Redwood Heights on a tree-lined cul-de-sac minutes to parks, recreational facilities, shopping and freeway access.

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ONE COMPLEMENTS THE OTHER: Henry Higby Gutterson's Rose Walk complex blends in gracefully with Bernard Maybeck's Rose Walk.

Real Estate Focus

Striking Montclair Contemporary



SURPRISE AWAITS YOU at 5973 Rincon in Oakland as you enter the gated patio from the unpretentious front. The open and spacious public space is flooded with light from a wall of windows. The expansive view includes the bay framed by mature trees. The gourmet cook will love the newly remodeled kitchen with Viking stove and subzero refrigerator. Two updated baths and three bedrooms (including a master bedroom suite) are together on the main floor. A big rumpus room with fireplace downstairs leads to a fenced, level garden with lawn and patio. Also on this level are an office, a half bath, laundry facility and a wine cellar. Painted with designer colors and is totally upgraded, this gem of a home is ready for the most discriminating buyer.

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Listing agent: Angela Wei Grubb, The GRUBB Co., 510-339-0404, ext. 202.

Investing: Back to the basics

In the world of investments today there seem to be an endless array of strategies and game plans designed to help you make the most of your investment dollars. With all the options available, you could very easily become overwhelmed. Interestingly, however, while there are always new ideas to consider, typically it is the investor who sticks to the basics who tends to get the best results.

Just as with other things we do, it often seems as though once we feel that we have a handle on the fundamentals it is easy to forget the simple things that got us started, instead we chase after newer, more complicated ideas. To help make sure you stay on the right track and maintain your focus on investing basics, let's take a look at some easy ideas to help you in your efforts to build your nest egg. Following are five simple tips to consider.

Start early. When it comes to meeting your financial goals, time is definitely one ally you want to have on your side. Because of the benefits you can receive from the power of compounded returns, the earlier you start investing the better. The beauty of compounding is that by reinvesting your returns, you actually earn money on both your original investment and any growth you experience as well.

Stop procrastinating. In a similar vein, if you want to start saving early, you need to stop procrastinating. In the world we live in today, we are tempted to spend our money now on all the cool things we can get our hands on. However, if we want to save for important things such as retirement or education, we may need to forego some of the pleasures of today in order to set money aside for the future.

Prioritize your long-term nest egg needs. In order to keep your

savings on track, it is important to line up your goals in order of importance and decide how you are going to finance them. Most of your goals will be financed through savings, but others may require some debt. Say, for example, you carefully plan out your budget and realize you can not save for both retirement and college expenses. Borrowing to pay for college is most likely a better option than borrowing to pay for post-retirement expenses. Otherwise, you may have to work after during retirement to help support yourself.

Pay yourself first. One of the most valuable axioms of successful investing is spelled out in this simple phrase. In other words, save before you spend rather than trying to save what is left after you spend.

One way to pay yourself first is to set up a process that systematically deposits money into your investment account on a regular basis. Electronic funds transfers allow you to build your investment accounts (including your IRAs) using deposits from your checking account that can be weekly, biweekly, monthly, etc. You can also have a portion of your paycheck deposited into your investment account every payday.

Participate in employer-sponsored savings and retirement plans. Using pretax contributions to your employer-sponsored retirement plan — such as a 401(k) — can really pay dividends, and if your employer offers a matching contribution, you are essentially getting paid to save.

The money comes out of your paycheck before you can spend it, and some employers may also let you build a nest egg with payroll contributions to an after-tax savings plan.

These are just a few ideas to help you remember the basics



LEILA GOUGH
Money Matters

To help make sure you stay on the right track and maintain your focus on investing basics, let's take a look at some easy ideas to help you in your efforts to build your nest egg.

when it comes to investing. No matter how much you accumulate, or how well-versed you think you have become, it is important always to remember the fundamentals so you can stay on the right course.

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Home

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In 1991 the residential buildings were designated a Berkeley Landmark as an amendment of the original designation of the Walk only.

Along the northern border of the Berkeley Rose Walk now sits Gutterson's nine-unit residential income property designed

Landscaped gardens beautifully frame the units, which are a combination of four two-story duplexes and a cottage. The noteworthy buildings are a wonderful mixture of vertical redwood boards or shingles and rosy unpainted stucco. The duplexes feature flat tile roofs

used by Julia Morgan and architects of the time. Codornices Road wraps the northern side of the project, provides access to garage storage areas under the duplexes and a single detached cottage. The eight duplexes range in size from 1,040 to 1,269 square feet. The stand-alone cottage is just over 600 square feet.

VITAL STATISTICS

What: Henry Gutterson's complement to Bernard Maybeck's Rose Walk at 2501 Rose Walk, Berkeley. The eight duplex units range in size from 1,040 to 1,269 square feet. The stand-alone cottage is just over 600 square feet.

Features: Berkeley landmarked Rose Walk is a part of the Maybeck-Gutterson's legacy. Located one-half mile north of UC Berkeley campus and near Berkeley's Rose Garden, this very special property consists of four duplexes and a single detached cottage.

Price: \$2,500,000; shown by appointment only

Listing agents: Red Oak Realty's Patrick Leaper, 510-280-2110; Carrie McAlister, 510-292-2030

Gutterson

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in New York working for Grosvenor Atterbury, Gutterson returned to California in 1910.

He worked in the Daniel Burnham office in San Francisco with Willis Polk on the San Francisco plan. In 1911 he married Helen Arnett.

Gutterson began his career working for John Galen Howard on the design staff for the Panama-Pacific Exposition of 1915. He also worked for the Oakland city architect's staff before opening his own private practice in 1916.

His major projects include houses in St. Francis Woods, where he was supervising architect, and other residential developments in San Francisco and the East Bay. He designed houses in the Berkeley Hills, including homes on Rose Walk.

Visit the San Francisco Arts and Crafts Movement Web site at www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Orchard/

Gutterson's non-residential designs include the school building for the First Church of Christ, Scientist (Berkeley), the Second Church of Christ Scientist (on Spruce Street in Berkeley) and Old Jefferson School (also in Berkeley).

He worked with Bernard Maybeck on several projects, including churches and the Principia College Library (Illinois).

Gutterson taught briefly at the University of California from 1911, and from 1920 to 1921.

He was active in civic affairs and was a member of the Planning Commission and the Berkeley Planning and Housing Commission. From 1927 to 1930, he was president of the Sierra Club chapter of the A.I.A.

In 1946 Gutterson received an award from the A.I.A. for his engineering work in the field of the profession.

A picture-perfect house

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This big old shingled house we're working on looks to me like it should be on a Christmas card.

Snow on the lawn and bushes. Butter yellow light coming from the windows upstairs and down and way up at the top of the house, light from windows in the attic. Probably children are up there playing and because dinner isn't ready yet, their friends from next door are there too.

At the end of the brick porch of this house are two doors and hanging there are — in the picture in my mind — wreaths formed from fresh greens. This looks like a wonderful, happy house to grow up in, to live in for many years.

The house is in Oakland but the houses across the street are in Piedmont. Most of the neighborhood was built about the same time; ours dates to 1903. These are big, old beautiful houses and those that remain have been kept up. They look good.

Probably in the 70s, some houses were torn down and replaced with stucco apartment buildings. The lots are wide and deep and that's what must have tempted the development. There are tall street trees here. At this time of the year they are dropping their leaves onto the street and front yards and fences. The neighborhood looks good.

When our clients' parents bought their house in 1951, there were lots of children living on the block. After school they played football in the street. Our clients grew up in the house, three kids, the oldest a boy, and two sisters. They left the house when they went to college, the youngest in 1968.

Their father saw this house and fell in love. Especially, he was taken with the attic, which is easy to understand. The attic in this house has a stairwell to it; there are windows on three sides; the floor is wooden; it is enormous.

And the house also has many other marvelous features and spaces. Numerous bedrooms: four or five or six depending on how you count. Baths: two full and various partial baths. Three fireplaces, al-

though they may be beyond repair, something our fireplace mason will be looking at before long.

Also, front and back wooden stairs inside. Basement. Wood slider windows and stained glass. Dark wood paneling and beams.

All in all, a bunch of delights made like craftsmen used to make them.

The father's mother agreed to invest her money in the house if a separated area could be made for her to live within the house. There was plenty of space on the first floor to divide off an apartment for Nana with her own outside doors, kitchen and living areas. She also had a door connecting her area to the family dining room.

Years later, after Nana and the children's mother died, the father stayed, and later a granddaughter moved into Nana's apartment. Dad never wanted to leave this house. Until late in his life when the kids barred him from climbing anymore on ladders he did the painting and made most repairs himself.

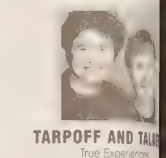
The house looks in spots tattered but a recent physical inspection showed that it is in better basic shape than the family expected. Dad hired some work done while he was still there. Other improvements and repairs are planned before the house is sold, although it will not be in perfect shape.

Right now, before any workmen come, the family is still dealing with contents, going through belongings that were kept in the house.

You should have seen the attic! Fifty years' worth: Rugs, chairs, beds, dressers. Multiple sets of golf clubs, hundreds of golf balls. Magazines, toys, small appliances. Half a dozen trunks containing photos and family records, scrapbooks. Blankets, sheets, tools. (They had to get a locksmith to open two of the trunks; no one had keys.)

Just carrying all of that out of the attic was a considerable effort. Half a dozen people have been worked on the house on and off for several months taking truck loads to the dump and recycling centers, and then they called in a professional who will hold a sale.

We were at the house a few



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times during the clearing and were told many sad happy childhood times. They were about drama produced kids put on in the house's den. There were circus acts on the front lawn, skits in the living room.

But the most elaborate were put on in an old woodshed that used to be behind the house. It's said that when the new, the horses were kept there. The shed made a perfect stage.

One production had singing from the window shed. The song was something like "Singing in the Rain" because both sisters remember they'd rigged up a lawn over the window and turned "rain" during this scene.

Another story they told about their grandmother. When the apartment within the house for Nana's place was included for sale. The kids knew where they weren't supposed to go, it was a secret.

But they recall taking Nana's part of the house during them around, then a tour by pointing to the wall, outlaid cover. "Can you thing there?" they would say, of course, no one could they'd whip off the cover. I wonder who will be owners of this house. Will children? Will there be parents too?

In the basement is a room referred to as the gift room used by the mother in law when she was a school teacher. Will the new owners use it?

Will there be theater and friends sleeping over? Will someone make popcorn and eat it up to them?

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How to free up 'dead money' in home equity

Dear Bob: My husband and I, ages 74 and 77, live in our home worth about \$900,000 for which we paid \$125,000 in 1978. We have a remaining mortgage of \$44,000 at 5.25 percent interest with \$330 monthly payments. But we dislike sitting on all that "dead money" in our home equity. We've been investigating a reverse mortgage to pull out some of that money to either invest or help our daughter buy a house. However, we are not interested in additional monthly income. Is a reverse mortgage the way to go? —Darlene MacP.

Dear Darlene: My question for you and your husband is: "Are you in reasonably good health and do you plan to stay in your home at least five years?" If your answer is "yes," then a reverse mortgage could be ideal for you.

Sitting on about \$850,000 of "dead money" (also called idle equity) must be frustrating. Giving your daughter the money to buy her house is like an "advance inheritance" if you are certain you will

never need your home equity for personal use.

However, I do not recommend obtaining a reverse mortgage to use the cash for investments because chances of your earning at least as much as the money costs are very slim.

Because a senior-citizen reverse mortgage must be recorded as a first mortgage, \$44,000 of the proceeds will be used to pay off your current first mortgage.

I suggest you consult a reverse mortgage originator who represents FHA, Fannie Mae and Financial Freedom Plan to compare their offerings. Due to your home's high market value, the Financial Freedom Plan will probably be best for your situation. You can find reputable reverse-mortgage lenders at www.reversemortgage.org.

Any recourse for buying a 'money pit' house 'as is'?

Dear Bob: Last October we bought a house in Minnesota. We love the neighborhood. But after



ROBERT BRUSS

moving in, we realized we chased a "money pit." It was offered for sale as a month after moving in, we replaced the furnace for \$2,000, our basement was flooded and we had to spend on replacing drain tiles and walls. Our contractor is listing drywall as not building code, as it had no studs. The sellers were "house flippers." But the house inspector who caught the defective furnace seller liable for the defective installation? —Brian

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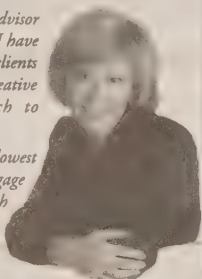
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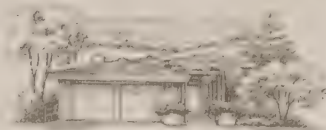
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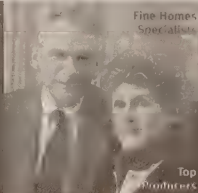
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2765 Frazier Ave., Oakland SOLD; Seller saved \$9,000 in commissions.
1804 San Jose Ave., Alameda SOLD; Seller saved \$15,500 in commissions.
2159 Via Amigos, San Lorenzo SOLD; Seller saved \$20,255 in commissions.
8 Cerruti Ct., Alameda SOLD; Seller saved \$23,260 in commissions.
1109 Rosewood Way, Alameda SOLD; Seller saved \$26,800 in commissions.
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Pricing Your Home - Realistic or Wishful Thinking?

Pricing your home these days is very tricky. There are very few "bidding wars" for properties on the market so you must be brutally realistic. If you've already signed a listing agreement with a Real Estate professional they will do the research for you and help you decide just the right price. Take their advice to heart. They will look up the most recent selling prices for other similar homes in your neighborhood and compare those statistics to your home. If a house is priced too high it can languish on the market too long which will actually work against you. The old saying "Location, Location, Location" is really true in the case of pricing your home and must also be taken into consideration. Improvements like a bathroom or kitchen remodeling or a walk-in closet will increase the saleable value of your home, while improvements like installing a darkroom, or a home theatre might actually work against you. Trust your Real Estate professional's judgment when deciding on a price. They want to sell your home quickly and at the best price. Remember, above all, your Realtor represents you and your interests.

These articles will run every two weeks to help educate you about Real Estate issues. My next article on Nov 24 will be "Choosing The Right Realtor For A Seller". Feel free to contact me at any time for your Real Estate needs. I've been consistently serving the Alameda Real Estate market for over 20 years.

Tere Lee is a member of the Alameda Chamber of Commerce and has been serving the Alameda Real Estate market for over 20 years. Tere & her team represent both buyers and sellers. For further information you can call Tere at: 521-3352



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50 Selborne Avenue | Piedmont
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Build your own home in Albany on this upslope Albany Hill lot featuring views of Berkeley and downtown Oakland. Utilities are at the street and design review is complete for a 2440 square foot Empyrean's award-winning design and FlatPak's prefabricated building system. You can customize the plans or start something altogether new! Offered at just \$475,000

This North Berkeley hill view home is well worth the work it needs. Golden Gate & Mt. Tam views abound. Cathedral beamed ceilings, two fireplaces on the main level, a bath in every bedroom and two in the master. Lower level with the second of two family rooms, the 3rd bedroom, the 3rd fireplace and two large workshop/studio rooms. 3BD/4+BA. \$1,150,000

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4 ECLIPSE COURT \$698,500
Marina Village Open Sat & Sun 2-4
Rare and beautiful plant! Bright & sunny 3 bedroom, 2 bath on level w/vaulted ceilings & hardwood floors. Partial view of the water. Bill & Griselda Bissett 510-748-1108

2358 CORAL SEA STREET \$1,098,000
Bayport Open Sat & Sun 2-4
PRICE REDUCTION! 2-story home w/spacious kitchen & FR. Formal living & DR, 2 fireplaces, landscaped yard, high ceilings & MORE. Bill & Griselda Bissett 510-748-1108

61 SAND HARBOR \$758,000
Harbor Bay Open Sunday 2-4
NEW LISTING! 3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/vaulted ceilings, formal entry, atrium, LR w/FP. Large yard with deck and MORE! Lailie Acacio 510-748-1172

31 INVINCIBLE COURT \$669,000
Marina Village Open Sunday 2-4
End unit w/views of the Oakland Hills, Marina Yacht Harbor & lagoon. 2 bedroom, 2 bath w/open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, balconies & more. Constance Farber 510-748-1126

1523 ENCINAL AVENUE \$925,000
Off Gold Coast Open Sunday 2-4
Great income property! 2 bedroom, 1 bath home in front with 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath duplex in rear. Across the street from school and park. Jim Nations 510-301-4004

1310 COURT STREET \$699,000
East End Open Sunday 2-4
Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath w/details inside & out. Designer colors, period bath, cozy den, sunny updated kitchen, deck, spa, carriage house. Constance Farber 510-748-1126

955 SHOREPOINT CT. #212 \$315,000
Beach - The Shores Open Sunday 2-4
Fine condo offers w/spacious LR, balcony, Galley kitchen w/eating area off LR. Ample size bedroom w/HUGE walk-in closet w/built-ins. Ruth Masonok 510-912-5055

1715 HIGH STREET \$749,500
Farnside District Open Sunday 2-4
Price Reduction! Charming 3+ bedroom, 2 bath home. Freshly painted inside & out. Beautiful hardwood floors, formal DR & bonus room. Al Wagner 510-748-1123

107 GARDEN ROAD \$550,000
Bayfarm Open Sunday 2-4
Remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath home. Hardwood floor throughout, walking distance to shops, schools & churches. Potential to expand. Chih Wu 510-748-1162

2809 SAN JOSE AVENUE \$550,000
East End Open Sunday 2-4
NEW PRICE! Adorable 2 bedroom, 1 bath split-level. Eating area, spacious kitchen and MORE! Ruth Masonok 510-912-5055

334 TIDEWAY \$1,275,000
Ballena Bay Open Sunday 2-4
Remodeled Bay front home w/deep water dock to accommodate 40' yacht. Water views, gourmet kitchen, spa bath and MUCH MORE! Jim Nations 510-301-4004

ALAMEDA

224 BRIGHTON COURT \$669,500
Sandpiper Cove Open Sunday 2-4
Bright & sunny 2 bedroom, 2 bath on a quiet cul-de-sac. Including landscaped & fenced yard, new carpet, shutters, paint & patio deck. Stephanie Neher 510-748-1133

1533 PACIFIC AVENUE \$450,000
Central Alameda Open Sunday 2-4
Cute & cozy cottage on large lot. All new bath, new water heater, new carpet. Two sheds w/power. Expansion possibilities. Condo/TIC alternative. Pacita Dimacali 510-748-1148

BERKELEY

1419 PARKER STREET \$599,000
Berkeley By Appointment Only
Traditional split-level bungalow w/huge backyard. LR w/fireplace, formal DR, hardwood floors, new paint inside & out. Landscaping. Dobro Goodale 510-748-1127

CASTRO VALLEY

5081 VANNOY AVENUE \$699,000
Castro Valley By Appointment Only
GREAT VIEWS! 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath corner lot family home with large lot and new deck. Angela McIntyre 510-748-1121

FREMONT



3573 SHADOW BROOK \$665,000
Sequoia Crossing Open Sunday 2-4
New town home. Never lived in 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath bright & airy w/attached 2 car garage. Near shopping, schools & transportation. Mario & Wendy Mariani 510-748-1174 Joe LoPore 510-748-1169

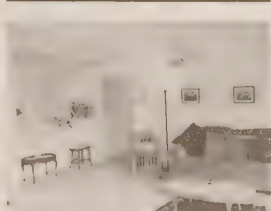
HAYWARD

27827 POMPAO AVENUE \$569,000
Hayward By Appointment Only
Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath house in great condition. Huge lot. Close to schools and shopping. Easy access to freeway. Rolando Basora 510-748-1166

25716 SPRING DRIVE \$409,000
Hayward By Appointment Only
Dramatically renovated 2 bedroom, 2 bath top floor condominium near CSU Eastbay. David Park 510-710-4345

31850 CHICOINE AVE \$699,000
Hayward By Appointment Only
Spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bath cosmetic fixer on large lot in great Foothill location near regional park. Lots of potential for the right buyer. David Park 510-748-1198

HERCULES



230-2 APOLLO \$380,000
Olympian Hills Open Saturday 1-3
Beautiful 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhome. This sunny unit features new Pergo kitchen floor, ceiling windows, 2-car garage & much more. Darryl & Yolanda Freeman 510-748-1165

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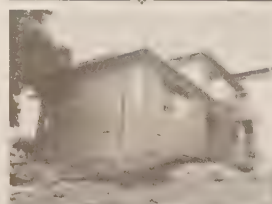
1984 VALENZUELA COURT \$599,000
Manteca By Appointment Only
Built in 2003, this gorgeous 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath home w/2 master suites & a very large media room. \$68k in upgrades. Carol Martinez 510-748-1122

OAKLAND

543 8th STREET \$2,250,000
Oakland By Appointment Only
Mix use building of 4 store fronts & 39 rooms. Walk to Chinatown, city center & shopping. Moon Tam 510-747-1620

1821-1825 28th AVENUE \$749,000
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11 EMBARCADERO W #140 \$145,567,000
Oakland By Appointment Only
Unique office spaces on 1st floor w/estuary views. May be purchased separately or together. Al Wagner 510-748-1123



2849 KITCHENER \$1,200,000
Upper Fruitvale Open Sunday 2-4
Architect Paul Wang's latest offering - 3 bedroom, 3 bath home w/expansive Bay & mountain views, wonderfully secluded yet convenient location. Jim Nations 510-301-4004



11032 NOVELDA DRIVE \$478,000
Sobrante Park Open Sunday 2-4
WOW! Remodeled 3 bedroom, 1 bath home w/additional den/office. Wood-burning FP & park-like yards, long driveway, carport. Rich Lai 510-748-1188

OAKLAND

3507 LAUREL AVENUE \$410,000
Lower Laurel Open Sunday 2-4
Cozy 2 bedroom, 2 bath starter home. Beautiful remodeled bathrooms, floors, remodeled kitchen & more. Sonia Lastreto 510-748-1172

RICHMOND

1301 S. 57th STREET \$580,000
Richmond Annex Open Sunday 2-4
Celebrate the holidays in your starter home. Tasteful updates and throughout. Must See this wonderful home. Kirk Knight 510-301-4004

801 24th STREET \$600,000
Richmond By Appointment Only
Two units in great Richmond area. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath and a 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Motivated seller. Jose Cerda-Zein 510-523-3058 Meredith DiVita 510-748-1172

SAN FRANCISCO

658 30th AVENUE \$900,000
Richmond District By Appointment Only
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath Edwardian home with ocean views and tandem garage w/2 cars. Constance Farber 510-748-1126

SAN LORENZO

715 BOCKMAN \$500,000
San Lorenzo Village By Appointment Only
Ready to move in! Fireplaces, warm wood floors, kitchen. Ample parking and storage. Call for garden in backyard. Conveniently located. Roberta Rossi-Lopez 510-748-1172

SAN PABLO

2751 21st STREET \$500,000
Andrade Rose By Appointment Only
This 2 bedroom, 1 bath rancher awaits you. Established fruit trees to enjoy in the garden. 2 plus rooms and in house laundry. Roberta Rossi-Lopez 510-748-1172

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Taking a look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries

FOR THE PUBLIC

What to do?
Looking for something to do with kids this Thanksgiving holiday? How about a sightseeing locally. Here's a suggestion for a visit that is interesting and educational. At the corner of 11th and Castro in Oakland stands the beautiful, well-preserved **Pardee Home Museum**. The father of a California Governor built the Gold Rush era home. View the Pardee family gardens and collections of artistic objects from all over the world. Enjoy a guided tour Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. For tour times check the Web site at pardeehome.org. From Wednesday, Nov. 29 through Saturday, Jan. 6, the home will be decorated with decorations for the winter holidays. A 14-foot tree will be decorated out with a Phoenix Rising theme, in honor of the rebirth of San Francisco and Oakland after the 1906 earthquake. The mansion will be draped with seasonal garlands from the home's gardens and California fruits and flowers will be used as well. Museum Director David Nicolai recommends making reservations at this time of year.

Let's not forget our troops serving overseas. The Blue Star Moms prepare packages in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Items range from phone cards to train bars. Coldwell Banker offices are collection centers for care package donations. Visit the Web site at www.bluestarmoms.org.

Free Classes
The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the home and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are many classes on weekdays and weekends. Information on classes and costs is on the center. Contact **Sydney** at 510.527.6100 or blgeductr.org.

Home Hunting. "Hidden Gems Under \$500,000" is presented by **Jonathan Fleming** of Blue Executive. Buyers can qualify for down payment and closing assistance programs. This free seminar is 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 11. Call the hotline 888-681-7771. Reservations are a must. **Cyber Chats.** Do you like to chat online? The Internet is a growing real estate marketplace. If you want to learn the ins and outs of buying and selling, join in on the weekly Q & A session with the Real Estate Consulting Center. Register for the next meeting at realestateconsultingcenter.com.

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BRUSS

FROM PAGE B2

Dear Brian: When a house is "as is" that doesn't excuse the seller from disclosing known home defects. An "as is" sale means the buyer must accept the house with all its faults and the seller does not have to pay for any repairs.

Your big problem is proving the house has a defective foundation and the incorrect drywall installation.

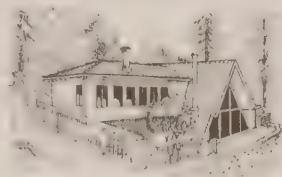
If you hired a professional home inspector, hopefully a member of the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI), he or she would have inspected the furnace and discovered a dangerous condition such as a cracked firebox heat exchanger. Local ASHI inspectors can be located at www.ashi.com.

The professional inspector's conclusion with you, however, probably isn't the only one. The inspector's liability so don't count on holding the inspector liable unless you prove the inspector was negligent and should have discovered the furnace defect. As for proving the furnace defect, that is a difficult matter of fact that the seller knew.

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REALTY



1154 Cragmont Ave., Berkeley

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

New listing! Handsome A-frame remodeled with Asian sensibilities. Utterly private, serene. Filtered Bay views. Appealing remodel features 3 bedrooms, 2 lovely baths. Soaring living room ceiling, dining alcove. 2 fireplaces. Glass-enclosed hot tub area. Spacious decks. Very special! **Barbara Conheim x28 \$830,000**



1416 Devonshire, El Cerrito

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

Traditional floor plan with a large family room; this large 7-year-old home has wonderful spaces for entertaining, excellent indoor/outdoor, a 2-car garage, and beautiful Bay views. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, close to excellent Madera School, public transportation, park, and golf course. Reduced price. **Maya Trilling x18 \$1,045,000**

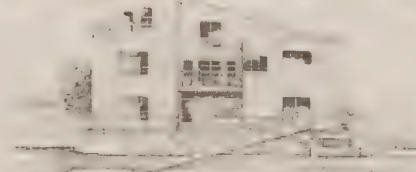
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1433 SANDPIPER SPIT POINT RICHMOND

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\$2,349,000 Open Sunday 1-4:00

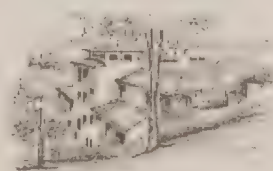


Ron Eggherman
502.7199

4327 DETROIT AVENUE OAKLAND

Exquisite Art Deco home on tree-lined cul-de-sac. Light-filled 3BR/2BA home in coveted Redwood Heights. Rounded corners, interesting geometric lines, beautiful windows. Living room with wooden ceiling; elegant dining, big downstairs family rm, level backyard.

\$795,000 Open Sunday 2-4:30



7075 Skyline Blvd. Montclair

Smashing New Mediterranean w/head-on Golden Gate views. 4 stories, 4+BR/5+BA home in incredible location 5 mins to Montclair Village. Grand but inviting with all the amenities including elevator!

\$1,950,000 Sun 2-4:00

Mark P. Choi 524.0800



3053 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley

Cheerful Edwardian nr Berkeley Bowl, BART, shops, cafés, UC! High ceilings, wood floors, original architectural details! Living room, dining room, office. 4 spacious BRs, 1.5 baths. Inviting garden.

\$749,000 Contact agent

Terry Pedersen 527.2700x36

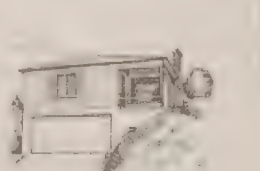


963 Curtis St. Albany

Beautifully remodeled 3/1. New kitchen w/ granite counters, tile floor, new appliances. Gleaming hardwood floors, sunny LR w/ fireplace. Fresh int. paint. Huge private, level backyard. Albany schools. Nr Solano.

\$699,000 Sun 2-5:00

Richard Morrison 915-0702

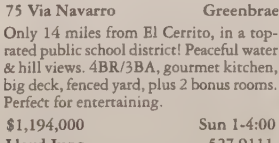


1668 Santa Clara St. Richmond Annex

Lovely 2BR/1.5BA home w/many new improvements. Formal dining room, perfect office or TV room downstairs featuring head-on Golden Gate/Bay view. Attached 2-car garage, deck, nice yard.

\$545,000 Sun 2-4:00

Joan Underwood 527.9111



75 Via Navarro Greenbrae

Only 14 miles from El Cerrito, in a top-rated public school district! Peaceful water & hill views. 4BR/3BA, gourmet kitchen, big deck, fenced yard, plus 2 bonus rooms. Perfect for entertaining.

\$1,194,000 Sun 1-4:00

Lloyd Jung 527.9111



1505 Hillcrest Rd. San Pablo

Spectacular Bay views from 3BR/1BA on lg lot. Stunning original architectural details. Hardwood floors, fireplace. Dining room w/bay window. Enclosed front patio, generous off-street parking.

\$519,000 Sun 2-4:00

Maggie Resnick 527.9111

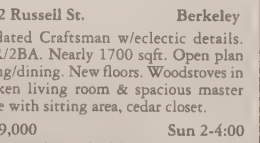


1731 Francisco St. Berkeley

Three-bedroom, 2-bath tenant-in-common in fantastic 3-unit complex. Sliding door to deck, French doors to exclusive garden. Double-pane windows, newer appliances. Nr N. Berkeley BART.

\$499,000 Sun 2-4:00

Jean Shrem/Marni Fischer 527.9111

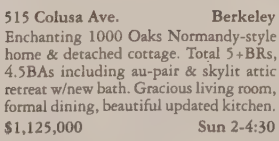


1332 Russell St. Berkeley

Updated Craftsman w/eclectic details. 3BR/2BA. Nearly 1700 sqft. Open plan living/dining. New floors. Woodstoves in sunken living room & spacious master suite with sitting area, cedar closet.

\$629,000 Sun 2-4:00

Vanessa Timon Smith 527.9111

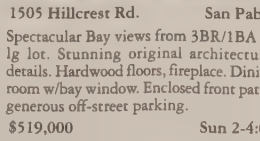


515 Colusa Ave. Berkeley

Enchanting 1000 Oaks Normal-style home & detached cottage. Total 5+BRs, 4.5BAs including au-pair & skylit attic retreat w/new bath. Gracious living room, formal dining, beautiful updated kitchen.

\$1,125,000 Sun 2-4:30

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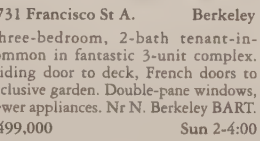


1416 Richmond St. El Cerrito

New Price! Attractive 3BR/1BA with big, beautiful garden & many fruit trees. Refinished hardwood floors, copper plumbing, extra attic storage, attached garage w/inside access. Must see!

\$515,000 Sun 2-4:00

Lloyd Jung 527.9111

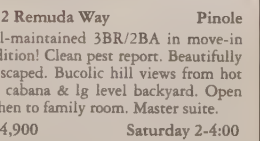


1507 Hillcrest Rd. San Pablo

Spectacular Bay views from duplex on large lot. Fabulous studio & charming 1BR/1BA apartment. Studio's wall of windows faces bay. Hardwood floors in 1BR. Rear decks, laundry room.

\$479,000 Sun 2-4:00

Maggie Resnick 527.9111

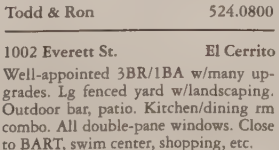


3712 Remuda Way Pinole

Well-maintained 3BR/2BA in move-in condition! Clean pest report. Beautifully landscaped. Bucolic hill views from hot tub, cabana & lg level backyard. Open kitchen to family room. Master suite.

\$574,900 Saturday 2-4:00

Catherine Krueger 527.9111



6104 Plumas Ave. Richmond Annex

Charming & spacious 3-bedroom, 1-bath bungalow in convenient Richmond Annex location. Fireplace in living room, dining room, hardwood floors. Private yard with patio, 2-car garage with workshop.

\$465,000 Open Sun 1-4:00

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Offered at \$1,175,000

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Offered at \$3,500,000

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Open Sunday

Open Sunday 2-4:30. This three bedroom and two and one-half bath Crocker Traditional plus a family room has been well-maintained including recent updates to the kitchen such as new hardwood floors and granite counters. A master suite with a private bath and deck lead to the rear gardens.

Offered at \$1,195,000

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LISTED AT \$275,000

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2024 Mira Vista, El Cerrito



Starter home with a peek-a-boo view

This 2 bedroom 1 bath home is ready for you to move in. The decorator color of the tiled kitchen will take you to the French countryside. Imagine entertaining in the living room/dining room combo and expand your party to the garden and large deck. One-car garage with interior access. Easy access to BART & freeways.

Offered at \$589,000

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4625 DOLORES AVENUE

Fabulous 1912 Mission Style Home! This is an absolute beautiful, very spacious 4 BR 2.5 BA home. Redwood wainscoting, leaded glass built-ins, stenciled walls, gas fireplace & a gourmet kitchen any chef would love are just a few of the treasures this house holds. The yard is a masterpiece with private hot tub. The neighborhood is coveted Glenview close to shops, restaurants & cafes. Near Montclair. Close to both Hwy 13 & 580 and commuter carpooling. This house is not to be missed!

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ALBANY \$940,000
3/1.5 - Newly renovated Craftsman. Stylish kitchen & bath, lavish detailings, garage/basement, Bay views. www.heidiandjerry.com
1031 Ordway Street Open 2-4



HERCULES \$889,000
3+2.5 - 2-story custom Craftsman with designer upgrades. Wood floors, fireplace, gourmet kitchen with granite. www.saragarabedian.com
1081 Promenade Street Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$849,000
3/1.5 - Lovely Elmwood home with hardwood floors & period details throughout. Spacious rooms with lots of light. Low maintenance yard
2753 Ashby Place Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$849,000
2BLDG-1LOT - Fixer special! Warehouse & grand Victorian on huge lot. Warehouse has new roof & retrofitted. www.saragarabedian.com
1014 60th Street Open 2-4

BERKELEY \$759,000
3+2 - North Berkeley Classic. Remodeled kitchen & bath, hardwood floors, fireplace, landscaped yard, SF & Bay views.
2125 Marin Avenue Open 2-4

EL CERRITO \$679,000
2 HOUSES 1 LOT - 2bd/1ba & 1bd/1ba. Hardwood floors, private gardens, washer & dryer. Near El Cerrito Plaza & Pacific East Mall
3344 Yosemite Avenue Open 2-4:30

OAKLAND - NEW! \$649,000
2/2 - Main house with attached studio & detached studio. Updated interiors, lovely gardens, deck. Ideal for extended families
3951 Altamont Avenue Open 2-4:30

OAKLAND \$275,000
1+1 - Open & spacious condo. Enclosed balcony, fresh paint, updated bath, deeded secured parking & storage. Pool, hot tub, gym
250 Whitmore Street #114 Open 2-4

BERKELEY - NEW! \$619,000
2+1 - One level home. Gumwood trim in living & dining room, fireplace in living room, sun porch, backyard, detached garage.
1866 Tacoma Avenue Open 2-4

EMERYVILLE \$499,000
LOFT - Stunning New York style brick & timber loft in 10-units warehouse conversion. Skylights, laundry in unit. www.saragarabedian.com
1250 Powell Street #7 Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$519,000
3/1 - Pristine light-filled home with french doors, skylights, granite countertops, jet-tub, marble flooring, lush gardens, workshop area
9300 Castlewood Street Open 2-4

RICHMOND N&E - NEW! \$435,000
2/1 - House on big corner lot. Detached 2-car garage with many upgrades. Koi pond, atrium, double pane windows. Newly painted
2400 Andrade Avenue Open 1-4

BERKELEY - NEW! \$549,000
3/1.5 - Spacious, private, sunny 2-story rear unit of 1920's building. French doors open to deck overlooking a lush yard. Many updates
1178 Arch Street Open 2-4

FREMONT \$399,000
2/2 - Clean & bright top floor condo. Fireplace, new washer/dryer, detached garage, new kitchen appliances
47165 Male Terrace Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$489,000
2/1 - Charming 1920's bungalow with curb appeal, hardwood floors, fireplace, breakfast nook, pretty garden, huge yard
2607 Kingsland Avenue Open 2-4

RICHMOND \$389,000
2/2 - Serene setting, ground floor end unit with deck, enclosed garden. Recently painted & upgraded carpet. Wood floors in kitchen
1207 Melville Square #112 Open 1-4

BERKELEY \$549,000
2/1 - 1932 California style split level home in Westbrae. Fresh interior paint, refinished oak floors, formal dining room.
1300 Santa Fe Avenue Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$740,000
TRIPLEX - 2-bedroom units each with split-level charm, original details, hardwood floors, in-unit laundry, garages with interior access.
6138 Shattuck Avenue Open 1:30-4:30

OAKLAND \$425,000
2/1 - North Oakland Craftsman. Hardwood floors. Updated kitchen & bath, fireplace, formal dining room, garden. www.5410marketstreet.com
5410 Market Street Open 2-4

RICHMOND - NEW! \$449,000
2/1 - Lovely home. Hardwood floors, fresh paint, french doors to yard. Huge lot. Attached 1-car garage, detached 2-car garage
3200 Lowell Avenue Open 2-4

BERKELEY - NEW! \$524,900
2/1 - 1,098 sq.ft. home in up and coming South Berkeley. Oak floors, full basement, garage. Close to BART, freeways, & Emeryville
1411 Fairview Street Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$659,000
LOFT - Sunwashed end unit designer loft with gorgeous water views! Cook's kitchen, vaulted ceilings, skylights. www.saragarabedian.com
2875 Glascock Street #214 Open 2-4

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BERKELEY \$475,000
DUPLEX - Fully rented 2/1 units. Washer/dryer hookups. Great opportunity. Well located. Priced to sell. Don't miss it!

KENSINGTON \$829,000
4/3 - Large home, possible 5th bedroom, on 10,000 sq.ft. landscaped lot. Views of Bay Bridge & more. www.charliecooperproperties.com

PINOLE \$559,900
4/2 - Sparkling remodel with hill views. New granite kitchen & baths, large yard, fireplace. Convenient location. www.justsellmyhouse.com

RICHMOND ANNEX \$429,000
2+1 - Open airy large living room with high ceilings, large picture windows, fireplace, hardwood floors, attached garage, large yard

EL CERRITO \$524,000
3/2.5 - Top of the hills, upgraded townhome in Wildwood complex. 2 decks, 2-car garage with interior access, incredible views.

OAKLAND \$420,500
2/1 - Fantastic condo near Piedmont Avenue & Rockridge shopping. Newly painted, new windows, enclosed patio. Pool, gym, sauna

PLEASANT HILL \$1,195,000
4/2.5 - Old world charm & modern amenities. New systems & upgrades galore in 2002 Plus a detached 1/1 cottage. AMAZING!

SAN LEANDRO \$610,000
4/2 - Hillcrest Knolls charmer on a large lot. Huge sunny deck space, opens out to tree-filled canyon with beautiful vistas

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ALAMEDA
1312 Lincoln Avenue \$449,000
2bd/1ba loft style condo in central Alameda. Bright and airy. Features hi-ceilings, yard, 1 car garage & car port, possible in-law unit.
Jim Silver
925.639.1571

EMERYVILLE
By Appointment Only \$479,900
Better than a loft. 1915 Victorian. 2bd/1.5ba with hardwoods, indoor laundry & backyard. 1378+/-sf of fine craftsmanship.
Stella Tsakonas
925.878.6603

OAKLAND
By Appointment Only \$1,038,000
Penthouse, 2bd/2ba, 300 degree views. Features limestone baths, hardwood floors and SS Appliances. Private access to roof top terrace.
Janette Licata
925.998.1069

OAKLAND
Pending \$859,000
Breathtaking Canyon Views. Light and airy 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2,828 +/- sf home. Au Pair with outside access, newer roof.
Sarah Arnold
510.893.7700

OAKLAND
Call Today \$568,000
Friendly Laurel district neighborhood home. Delightful 3bd/1.5ba tri-level home with large backyard family room downstairs.
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OAKLAND
Open Sunday 2-4
7411 Lockwood Street \$499,900
Reno. Duplex. Two 3bd/1ba units. Great investment or live in one, rent the other. Off street parking, near Bart, freeway.
Judy Swaby
510.253.6931

OAKLAND
Open Sunday 1-4
3217 Laurel Avenue \$479,000
1st open. New listing in Laurel district. Great 2 bedroom, 1 bath remodel. Great opportunity, call for more information.
Albert Bernardo
925.997.0123

OAKLAND
Open Sun 2-4:30
1 Lakeside Drive #810 \$434,950
Sunny 1bd/1ba, generous balcony, views of city & lake. Features pool/spa, gym, deeded parking, 3 blocks to Bart & Whole Foods.
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Looking for a new home? Don't miss this week's Open Home Guide on page B18.

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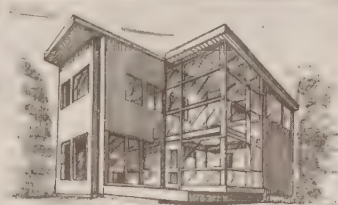


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12 HILL ROAD

Exceptional 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom contemporary in Berkeley Hills designed by renowned architects Marcy Wong and Donn Logan. This steel beam & glass constructed home sits on a beautifully landscaped lot with Bay views.

OFFERED AT \$1,070,000



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RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

506 TIDEWAY DR., ALAMEDA

Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath town home with 50ft. deep-water boat dock located in Alameda's desirable Ballena Bay community. Elegant entertaining spaces overlook beautiful water views. Photo tour @ bonnierosshomes.com

OFFERED AT \$1,500,000



*Picture Shows More Than Actual Unit For Sale

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RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE



3221 61ST AVE.

OFFERED AT: \$469,000

Two wonderful Millsmont properties! Charming, original details, light-filled interiors, spacious back yards and much more!



6127 OUTLOOK AVE.

OFFERED AT: \$459,000

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RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

566 RADNOR ROAD

Grand Traditional Haddon Hill 4 bedroom, 3 bath home is rich in architectural details; large gracious living room with handsome fireplace and majestic windows; Formal Dining Room with French doors onto a private patio & hot tub. Master retreat with deck and views.

OFFERED AT \$875,000



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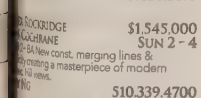
OPEN HOMES



3221 61ST AVE.
\$3,700,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3.5 BA Open plan. Colonial with indoor-outdoor living. SF views. Call LAURA & JOAN DUFFIELD 510-4700



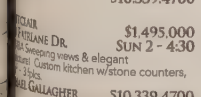
1606 BLAKE ST.
\$1,650,000
SUN 1 - 4
3 BR 2 BA Beautifully remodeled, large backyard, bay views, restaurants. 2141 Eureka call GABY OLANDER 510-486.1495



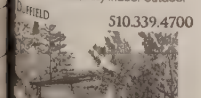
12 HILL RD.
\$1,545,000
SUN 2 - 4
4 BR 3 BA Exceptional contemporary on near level lot with Bay views. Steps from Tilden Park. Call BARBARA HARDACRE 510-339.4700



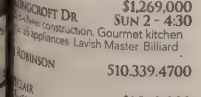
304 ARROWHEAD WAY
\$1,500,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
5 BR 3 BA Built in 1999. 3-car garage, open kitchen/family room. www.304arrowhead.com JULIE JOYCE 510-339.4700



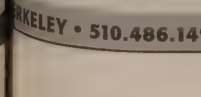
5668 BUENA VISTA AVE
\$1,495,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3 BA Open plan. Family room w/french doors. Custom kitchen w/stone counters, 3-beds. Call GABY OLANDER 510-339.4700



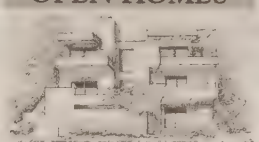
1206 OXFORD ST.
\$1,339,000
SAT/SUN 2 - 4
3 BR 2 BA Traditional, family room off kitchen. 2 fireplaces, easy indoor-outdoor living. Call RITA ZWERDLING 510-339.4700



4625 DOLORES AVE
\$1,269,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3 BA Beautifully remodeled. Gourmet kitchen with appliances. Lavish Master Bedroom. Call ROSE NIED 510-339.4700



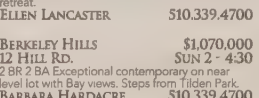
3837 PARK BLVD.
\$1,250,000
SUN 1:30 - 4
3 BR 2.5 BA NEW PRICE! Maple flrs, spacious kitchen. Large level yard, Master ste, 2 fireplaces. Call BECKY ANDERSEN 510-339.4700



1401 SCENIC AVE.
\$1,100,000
SUN 1 - 4
4+ BR 3.5 BA Wonderful Bay views. Beautiful, very spacious home. Possible In-Law. In desirable N. Berk. Call BARBARA LEVY 510-486.1495



26 NORTHGATE
\$1,150,000
SUN 2 - 4
5 BR 4 BA Captivating contemporary w/great views. Open flrplan, remod. kit, decks, hwd flrs. Call KIM & BARBARA MARIENTHAL 510-486.1495



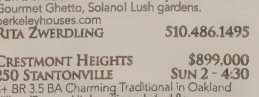
6245 BROOKSIDE AVE.
\$1,100,000
SUN 12 - 3
4+ BR 4 BA Open plan. Family room w/french doors to great rear yard. Windows galore. Master retreat. Call ELLEN LANCASTER 510-339.4700



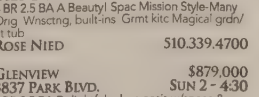
304 ARROWHEAD WAY
\$929,000
SUN 1:30 - 4
5 BR 3 BA Built in 1999. 3-car garage, open kitchen/family room. www.304arrowhead.com JULIE JOYCE 510-339.4700



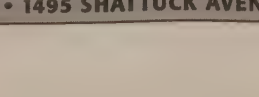
5668 BUENA VISTA AVE
\$950,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
3+ BR 2.5 BA Beautiful gourmet kitchen. Plantation shutters, Golden Gate view & Italian tile floors. Call TERRY KULKA 510-339.4700



1206 OXFORD ST.
\$925,000
SUN 1:30 - 4
3 BR 2 BA Golden Gate view. Easy access to Gourmet Ghetto, Solano! Lush gardens. Call RITA ZWERDLING 510-486.1495



250 STANTONVILLE
\$899,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
3+ BR 3.5 BA Charming Traditional in Oakland Hills w/Bay vu. High ceilings, hwd flrs, landscaped yard. Call GARY ROBINSON 510-339.4700



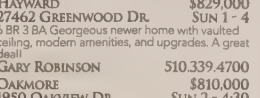
4625 DOLORES AVE
\$899,000
SAT/SUN 1 - 5
4 BR 2.5 BA A Beauty! Spac Mission Style-Many Orig. Wncstng, built-ins. Grmt kitch Magical grnd/ht tub. Call ROSE NIED 510-339.4700



566 RADNOR RD.
\$875,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3 BA Gorgeous w/spacious rms. Formal Dining Rm, HWF, & French doors to deck, hot tub & view. Call MARLENA S. LYONS 510-339.4700



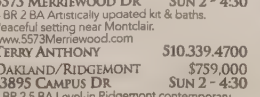
6141 ROCKRIDGE BLVD
\$859,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 2 BA NEW PRICE! Upgraded kit & baths. Hwd flrs, formal dining, level yd. Call CJ BOYDSTON 510-339.4700



6802 GUNN DR.
\$829,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3 BA Cool & Clean. Designed w/Style! Vaulted ceilings, big flrc, master ste, cool vistas. Woor! Call TERRY ANTHONY 510-339.4700



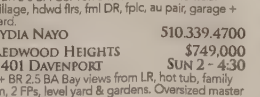
27462 GREENWOOD DR.
\$829,000
SUN 1 - 4
6 BR 3 BA Gorgeous newer home with vaulted ceiling, modern amenities, and upgrades. A great deal. Call GARY ROBINSON 510-339.4700



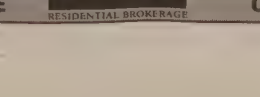
1950 OAKVIEW DR.
\$810,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA Vus galore! ULTRA contempo. Upgraded kit & bath. Privacy, decks, more! Call JUDY ACKERMAN 510-339.4700



538 42ND ST
\$795,000
SAT/SUN 2 - 4:30
4-plex Fixer. Priced to Sell! Orig details, fresh paint, ex. Well mainted. Near trans. Call ALICIA DRAKE 510-339.4700



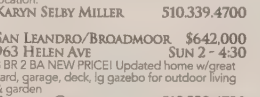
5573 MERRIEWOOD DR.
\$779,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Artistically updated kit & baths. Peaceful setting near Montclair. Call TERRY ANTHONY 510-339.4700



13895 CAMPUS DR.
\$759,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA Level-in Ridgemont contemporary home. Serene vistas on approx. third acre. 3-car garage. Call JERRY RATCH 510-486.1495



561 JOAQUIN AVE
\$699,000
SUN 1 - 4
3 BR 2 BA Charming craftsman. LR w/flrc. Lg private yd w/play structure. Hwd flrs, conv location. Call KARYN SELBY MILLER 510-339.4700



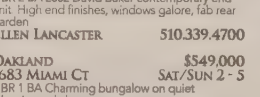
963 HELEN AVE
\$642,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA NEW PRICE! Updated home w/great yard, garage, deck, lg gazebo for outdoor living & garden. Call PRESTON GRANT 510-339.4700



1606 BLAKE ST.
\$625,000
SUN 2 - 4
3 BR 2 BA 1910 Berkeley home on three levels. Romantic attic master suite w/view of SF/GG bridge. Call ZANNA KNIGHT 510-486.1495



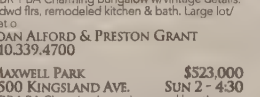
4164 LINCOLN AVE
\$599,000
SUN 2 - 5
2+ BR 1+ BA Beautiful Mediterranean, Split-Level Design, New Kitchen, Bonus Rm, FF, Nice Yard & Garage. Call RACHEL BALLER 510-339.4700



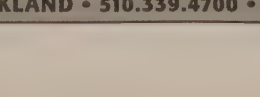
4210 MARKET ST
\$598,000
SUN 2 - 5
3 BR 1.5 BA Updated home with yard, garage & duplex poss. Avail owner finance. Call JAMES BROWN 510-339.4700



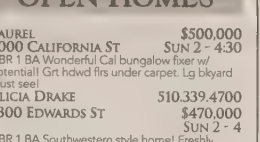
3221 MAGNOLIA
\$595,000
SAT 2:30-4:30/SUN 2 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA 2002 David Baker contemporary end unit. High end finishes, windows galore, fab rear garden. Call ELLEN LANCASTER 510-339.4700



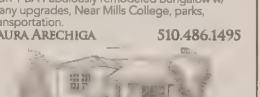
1683 MIAMI CT
\$549,000
SAT/SUN 2 - 5
2 BR 1 BA Charming bungalow on quiet Glenview cul-de-sac. Call SUSAN 'ZANNA' KNIGHT 510-486.1495



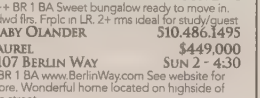
27659 PERSIMMON DR.
\$529,000
SUN 1:30 - 4
3+ BR 2.5 BA Townhome w/loft, vaulted ceilings, bldy, patio, FF & nice layout. Call TIFFANY STECHSCHULTE 510-339.4700



3000 CALIFORNIA ST
\$500,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 1 BA Wonderful Cal bungalow fixer w/ potential! Grt hwd flrs under carpet. Lg backyard. Must see! Call ALICIA DRAKE 510-339.4700



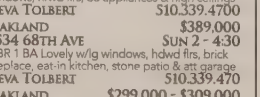
2300 EDWARDS ST
\$470,000
SUN 2 - 4
2 BR 1 BA Southwestern style home! Freshly painted int & ext! Hwd flrs. Spacious updated kit. Garage. Call NANCY REICHERT 510-486.1495



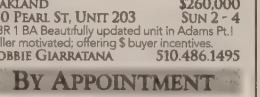
3221 61ST AVE
\$469,000
SUN 2 - 4
3 BR 1 BA Fabulously remodeled bungalow w/ many upgrades. Near Mills College, parks, transportation. Call LAURA ARECHIGA 510-486.1495



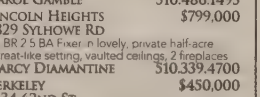
3107 BERLIN WAY
\$449,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BA w/www.BerlinWay.com See website for more. Wonderful home located on highside of the street. Call JAMES BROWN 510-339.4700



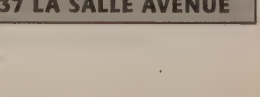
2029 CHANNING WAY, UNIT 2C
\$449,000
SUN 1 - 4
1 BR 1 BA 4 unit approved condos. All New upgrades! Heat, DP, windows, light ng, carpet, granite kit. Too much to list. Call MAXINE MALBERG 510-486.1495



150 PEARL ST, UNIT 203
\$426,000
SUN 2 - 4
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2329 ADELINE ST.
\$396,950
SUN 2 - 4:30
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■ If you have a large picture that you'd like to highlight, you can miter border paper around the edges of the frame to create a shadowcase effect.

The Weekly Sales can be found in the this section on page B17.

Mary Dresser Presents:

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1421 BARROWS RD.
New Listing \$735,000
3 bedroom/1 bath
Lovely English Tudor Home



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3 bedroom/2 bath
Charming Spanish Mediterranean

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3115 Texas Street
4000 Altamont
\$650,000
\$575,000
\$545,000

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3016 Florida St. \$437,000

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SUN. 2-4PM



2413 Prince Street, Berkeley
Offered at \$599,000

Built in 1913, this charming farmhouse home has many beautiful original details. Freshly painted inside with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, dining room with built-ins, hardwood floors, welcoming front porch and fenced yard. Some TLC will make this home a shining gem!



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FEATURED HOMES



Berkeley
Sunday 2-4 \$995,000
1241 Westview. Dramatic Mid Century in Claremont Hills. 3+BD, level yard.

Barbara Reynolds (510) 868-1400



Oakland
Sunday 1-4 \$895,000
1023 Winsor. Fab redo, new kitchen & baths, great yard. 2BR/2BA.

Rita & Ted (510) 845-0211



Oakland
Sunday 2-4:30 \$859,000
901 Alma Place. Stunning 3BR/2.5BA English Architecture in Crocker Highlands.

Patricia Makinen (510) 339-9290



Kensington
Sunday 2-5 \$799,000
39 Franciscan. 3BR/2BA, Great mid-century w/view & garden.

Mark Hardwicke (510) 501-0713



Oakland
Sunday 2-4:30 \$895,000
85 Norman Ln. 1st Open! Sweet Rockridge Bungalow. 2BR/1BA, Big yard.

Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine (510) 428-0900

PIEDMONT

Piedmont
Sunday 2-5 \$859,000
1024 Harvard Road. Lovely 3BR/1BA Traditional w/wonderful detailing.
Leah Tounger (510) 339-9290

OAKLAND PROPERTIES

Oakland Properties
Sunday 2-4:30 \$1,785,000
6021 Acacia - Gracious 4BR/2.5BA Colonial in prestigious Claremont Pines.
Heidi Marchesotti (510) 339-9290

Oakland Properties
4335 Leach Ave. \$1,200,000
Redesigned, everything replaced incl. found. Top-of-the-line everything.
Bobbie Vogel (510) 834-2010

Oakland Properties
Sunday 2-4:30 \$1,100,000
4350 Bridgeview Drive. Charming 3+BR/2BA Mediterranean retreat.
Heidi Marchesotti (510) 339-9290

Oakland Properties
Sunday 2-4:30 \$929,000
8237 Skyline Circle. Elegant 3BR/2BA home built in 2003 w/panoramic bay views.
Colgrove/Marchesotti (510) 339-9290

Oakland Properties
Sunday 2-5 \$869,000
6656 Heather Ridge Road. Remodeled 3BR/2+BA Contemporary in Tahoe-like setting.
Leah Tounger (510) 339-9290

Oakland Properties
Sunday 2-4:30 \$859,000
6409 Westover. BEST VALUE in Montclair! 4BR/2BA remodel. Kit. w/SS, HWF, master ste w/Pl. Canyon view.
Kevin Krekel (510) 868-1400

Oakland Properties
Sunday 2-4:30 \$834,999
11309 Greenbrier Fabulous 3+BR/2+BA Mid-century on 1.1 acres and views.
Vikki Landes (510) 339-9290

Oakland Properties
Sunday 1-4 \$639,000
2539 Carmel. Delightful 2+BR/2BA w/HWF, eat-in kit, FDR, garage.
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OAKLAND PROPERTIES

Oakland Properties
925 E. 19th St. \$525,000
3+BR/2BA Victorian, formal DR, new found, city views, excellent cond.
Ernest Villafranca (510) 834-2010

Oakland Properties
Sunday 2-4:30 \$519,000
7652 Outlook. 2+BR/1BA, gorgeous home w/ extra big yard.
Lillian Liao (510) 337-8670

Oakland Properties
Sunday 2-4 \$518,888
1634 E. 31st St. 3BR/2BA SFR on large lot.
Nairobi Kim (510) 868-1400

Oakland Properties
4726 Melrose Ave. \$469,000
Lovely Craftsman well-maintained, kit., lg. backyard ideal for flowers & vegetable garden.
Pamela Sweeney (510) 834-2010

Oakland Properties
Sunday 2-4 \$445,000
819-13th St. Cosmetic fixer. 3BR/2BA, close to Fed Bldg. Minutes to SF.
James Slater (510) 868-1400

Oakland Properties
Sunday 1-4 \$405,000
2921 56th Ave. Darling 2BR/1BA bung. on majestic tree-lined St. in Mills Garden w/ well-maintained period arch, tasteful upgrades & spacious, priv. backyard, this home offers it all.
Eric N. Silverman (510) 428-0900

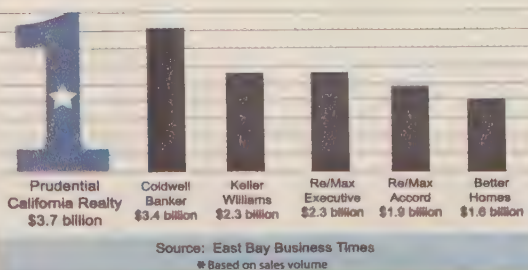
ALAMEDA

Alameda
Sunday 2:30-4:30 \$749,000
3100 Thompson Ave. Great 2BR/1BA Tudor in beautiful Alameda.
Desiray McFall (510) 909-6871

BERKELEY

Berkeley
Sunday 1-4 \$679,000
913 Channing Way. 3BR/2.5BA Hdwd flrs., RV pkg., direct sunlight, awesome.
Lillie Butler (510) 337-8670

Berkeley
Sunday 1-4 \$629,000
2709 10th #D. Modern & sleek tri-level. 2BR/1.5BA live/work loft.
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BERKELEY

Berkeley
Sunday 2-4 \$599,000
2413 Prince St. Farmhouse-style home w/ 2BR/1.5BA, new paint inside, orig. details, frt porch, fenced yd. Near Whole Foods + BART.
Roy Grigsby (510) 845-0211

Berkeley
Sunday 2-4 \$529,000
1470 9th St. Charming 2BR/2BA w/fam. rm. Hrdwd flrs. Firpl. nds TLC.
Lela Logene Butler (510) 868-1400

Berkeley
Sunday 1-4 \$349,000
2327 10th St. 4 TLC's. 2BR each. HWF, pkg., grt. remodel.
Gregory Garrett (510) 868-1523

FREMONT

Fremont
Sunday 1-4 \$618,888
4109 Vintage Ter. 3BR/2.5BA end unit, 2 car grg., priv. patio.
Nairobi Kim (510) 868-1400

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Contra Costa County
Sunday 2-5 \$749,000
85 Ardmore Rd., Kensington. 4+BR/2.5BA. Gracious Kensington home. Lush garden!
Marlynn Baker (510) 813-3886

Contra Costa County
Lovely Townhome \$498,000
Hugged by golf course & canyon at El Cerrito Hills location. 2BR/1.5BA.
Wendy T. Louie (510) 868-1400

Contra Costa County
Sunday 2:30-4:30 \$459,000
5105 Nevin, Richmond. Adorable bungalow. Mira Vista 2BR/1BA. Pristine. Nr. BART.
Hernan Luna (510) 428-0900

RESIDENTIAL INCOME

Residential Income
Pride Of Ownership \$1,300,000
8 Units. All 2BR/1BA + rented. Great Berkeley location - Anna - 853-8810
Anna Li (510) 527-9800

RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT

Residential Investment
Legal Duplex \$1,299,000
145 Lawson, Kensington. 2-level house. 4BA, 3,908 sq. ft. total.
Lillian Liao (510) 337-8670

Residential Investment
Rockridge Border! \$895,000
Fabulous 2BR flat! Super 1920s Mt. views of Golden Gate!
Mark Miller (510) 428-0900

Residential Investment
2465 Foothill Blvd. \$800,000
4 plex Renovated. 2-3BR/2BA, 1-1BR/1BA. Office, nice!
Roxanne Wong (510) 834-2010

Residential Investment
1440 12th Ave. \$800,000
8 units. Bldg. fully rented, excellent updated elec, water & gas pipes.
Mayling Trinh (510) 834-2010

Residential Investment
40 Woodrow Ave. \$400,000
Updated 2 plex in Vallejo. New bath, kitchen, new floors, nice!
Ernest Villafranca (510) 834-2010

COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT

Commercial Investment
8 Unit Comm. Bldg. \$700,000
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3930 EVERETT AVENUE IN GLENVIEW

Classic updated three bedroom, two bath California Craftsman in a wonderful neighborhood! Light-filled with sparkling hardwood floors. Upper balcony and lower deck overlook enchanting garden. Original woodwork and built-ins in living room with tiled fireplace, and formal dining room. Master bedroom has walk-in closet and opens to balcony. Spacious family room with french doors lead to deck and garden. Single car garage, workshop and storage space. Convenient to Glenview, Montclair Village shopping, and the new Farmer Joes.

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- Lower level den with fireplace, plus room, and laundry room
- Landscaped yard with decks and patio for entertaining

New Price! \$698,000 : 3190 Birdsall Avenue, Oakland
Transformation by an Artist with an Eye for Perfection!

Maxwell Park work of art renovation. 3+BR/2.5BA. Indoor/outdoor living. Flexible floor plan with den. Chef's kitchen with breakfast room. Separate in-law studio with patio. Oversized, landscaped lot.

New Price! \$625,000 : 4820 International Blvd., Oakland
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Maria Yonkouski, Broker 510.597.0292 www.baproperties.com

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Open Sunday

Open Sunday 2-4:30. Step through the lovely wrought-iron entry gates into the charming and private gardens of this imposing 1920's English Tudor residence. Sited well above the street level, with sunlit rooms and bay views, this home will charm you with its exceptional quality and architectural detailing. Five bedrooms, two and one half baths, playroom, full basement and attic. Its location on a tucked-away cul-de-sac affords privacy while still being close to shops, restaurants, a great Farmers Market and San Francisco Express transportation.

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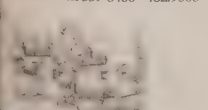
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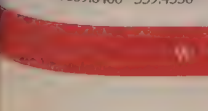
UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$829,000

1550 Golden Gate Avenue
3bd/2ba home on 11,000+ sq ft lot. Living rm has fireplace, fr drs lyl to garden. Gleaming HWF's, 2 bonus rms, several skylights, enormous master bath & more. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 See photos at: NahidNassiri.com 339.8400-339.4550



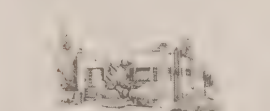
GLENVIEW \$739,000

3930 Everett Avenue
Updated 3bd/2ba Craftsman home. HWF's. Enchanting garden. Woodwork, built-ins, FP, formal mstr bdrm, spacious family rm, eat in kch, workshop and storage. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 Photos at: NahidNassiri.com 339.8400-339.4550



OAKMORE \$669,000

4089 WATERHOUSE RD
Great location for this bright home with hardwood floors, wooden blinds, decorator colors! One level floor plan, walk to shops, bus, close to freeways. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 See photos at: PatriciaBennett.com 339.8400-482.9000



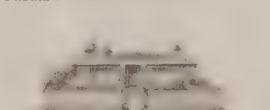
OAKLAND HILLS \$629,000

2451 ALIDA STREET
Cosmetic fixer with great bones! Bay view, big level yard, new dual pane windows, excellent location. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 See photos at: PatriciaBennett.com 339.8400-482.9000



OAKLAND \$599,000

3105 MIDDLETON
Terrific 2bd/1.5ba trad'l rancher. FP in LR/DR, kit/fam. rm, private rear yard. HWF's, shoji screens, gorgeous landscaping! San Leandro schools. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 See photos at: NahidNassiri.com 339.8400-339.4550



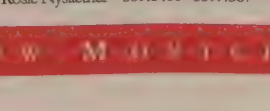
PIEDMONT AVENUE \$599,000

1808 PLEASANT VALLEY AVE
Urban oasis, 2bd/1ba w/HWF's, updated kitchen, bath, private rear garden. Walk to Piedmont Ave shops & restaurants. Custom painting in/out. OPEN SUN 2-5 JackBrenneman 339.8400-339.4557



MAXWELL PARK \$499,000

5627 MORSE DRIVE
Charming 2+1/2 Mediterranean with lots of architectural detail, gleaming hwd flrs. This is the value you've been looking for. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 Rosie Nysaether 339.8400-339.4567



LAUREL \$465,000

2929 VIOLA STREET
Updated 2+1 starter w/detached studio. Granite counters, tile floor, new cabinets; all dual pane windows; new carpet. Detached studio, big bkyd, garage & tandem driveway. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 Photos at: www.2929Viola.com Martha Hill 339.8400-899.6369



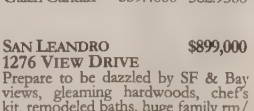
OAKLAND HILLS \$465,000

3591 65TH AVE
Over 1600 sq/ft!! Updated w/ granite & stainless steel, in-unit washer & dryer, garage, Bay view. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 See photos at: PatriciaBennett.com 339.8400-482.9000



MILLSMONT \$450,000

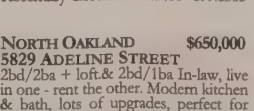
4045 EDWARDS AVE
Very charming Millsmont traditional. Three bedrooms and one bathroom, gleaming hardwood floors, a huge back yard, garage and workshop! A great buy! OPEN SUN 2-4:30 See photos at: www.4045Edwards.com Galen Cundiff 339.4000-382.9300



SAN LEANDRO \$899,000

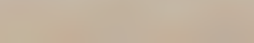
1276 VIEW DRIVE

Prepare to be dazzled by SF & Bay views, gleaming hardwoods, chef's kit, remodeled baths, huge family rm/library & more. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 Sherdella Sims 339.4000-899.6310



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$895,000

487 CRESTMONT DRIVE
New Listing! Spectacular Bay, Bridge, SF views from spacious chic remodeled 3+1/2+ ranch style beauty with huge family room & deck. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 Rosemary Greene 339.8400-899.6305

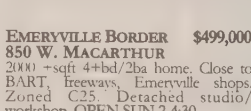


WALNUT CREEK \$599,000

2195 DAPPLEGRAY
Spacious 3bd/2.5ba townhouse. Desirable S. WC location by Ridgeacre. Lg master ste, custom lead windows, brick fireplace, cozy fam rm & private patio. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 Rosie Nysaether 339.8400-339.4567

ROCKRIDGE \$509,000

220 CALDECOTT LANE #101
New! One of the best. Pergo floors, quiet corner location with sunny views, fireplace, laundry, 2bd/2ba, protected parking. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 Shannon Klatt 339.8400-339.4280



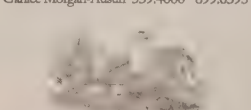
EMERYVILLE BORDER \$499,000

850 W. MACARTHUR
2000+ sqft 4+bd/2ba home. Close to BART, freeways, Emeryville shops. Zoned C25. Detached studio/workshop. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 Gayle Smith 339.8400-339.4562



CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,525,000

14 CHANCELLOR PL
Contemporary Mediterranean. 4bd/3ba, spectacular SF views, spacious flr plan, HWF's, formal LR/DR, family room, lg kitch w/courtyard entry. Ganice Morgan-Austin 339.4000-899.6395



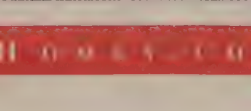
NORTH BERKELEY \$925,000

180 TAMALPAIS
4 bedroom, 2 bath fixer with huge potential on coveted street. Stunning living room, unobstructed Bay views. Mary Hanna 339.8400-339.5776



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$899,000

4200 DUNSMUIR AVE
Beautifully remodeled 1940 home. Three bedrooms on one level. Spectacular new kitchen & bath. Sunset Magazine-style yard, with garden room and custom deck. See photos at: www.4200Dunsmuir.com PatriciaBennett.com 339.8400-482.9000



PIEDMONT PINES \$925,000

Piedmont Pines lot almost 30,000 sq ft. Great opportunity for developer! Mary Hanna 339.8400-339.5776



ROCKRIDGE/TEMESCAL \$535,000

568 MARTIN STREET
Darling bungalow, same family for forty years, hwd flrs, fireplace, formal dining room, spacious kitchen, garage, walk to BART & cute shops. M.J. McConville.com 339.8400-339.4280



MAXWELL PARK \$429,000

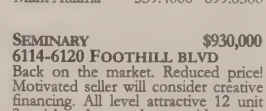
2712 55TH AVE
Fabulous 2bd/1ba w/hwd flrs, fireplace, fresh interior & exterior paint, newer roof & lovely yard. A must see! Nader Davari 339.8400-339.4566



COMMERCIAL

FOR SALE \$2,860,000

Development project in the heart of Jack London Square. Zoned for 44 condos or live/work spaces. Call for more details Mark Attarha 339.4000-899.6300



SEMINARY \$930,000

6114-6120 FOOTHILL BLVD

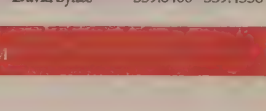
Back on the market. Reduced price! Motivated seller will consider creative financing. All level attractive 12 unit Spanish style complex, outside condo conversion impact areal! Excellent investment opportunity. Rosemary Greene 339.8400-899.6305



COMING SOON

ALLENDALE \$549,000

2742 BARTLETT
Charming 3bd/1ba home w a converted garage done with permits. Recently upgraded kitchen/bath, formal LR/DR. This home offers a spacious front and back yard & easy 580 access. David Sykes 339.8400-339.4558



Deck trends

Decks have become a staple for the American back yard. In keeping with the trend towards outdoor living spaces that mimic the indoors, decks are dressing up. From decorative railings to drainage systems and a greater variety of building materials, today's decks go way beyond simple wood platforms for a portable grill and some patio furniture.

When planning your deck project, consider incorporating these trends in your project:

- Double the space benefits of your deck. Flooring systems and under deck mounted drain systems that prevent water from pouring through decks are among the hottest trends right now, Stalemark says. By diverting water away from the area under the deck, you create an opportunity to double your usable outdoor living space.

- Less maintenance, more fun. Wood is no longer the exclusive material of choice for deck builders. Alternative materials offer lower maintenance requirements and longevity than wood, but also will increase the cost of a deck by \$2 - \$4 a square foot, Stalemark says.

- "Aluminum, composite, polyethylene, vinyl and other alternative

materials all have their advantages, and each will help you achieve a different look for your deck," he says. "What material you use is really a personal choice based on your preferences and budget."

When shopping for a low-maintenance material, consider appearance (color, wood grain embossment) and durability (does it scratch or flex easily?). Before you choose, research all the possibilities and visit www.decks.com link to the DeckRite, CorrectDeck, BearBoard and EverGrain Web sites and learn more about these different products.

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28 Masonic Place, Oakland - Offered at \$1,075,000



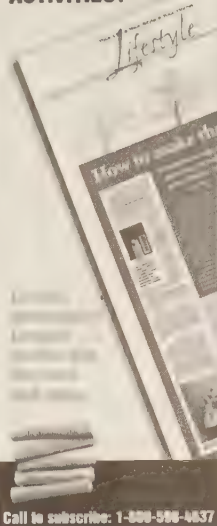
This hidden jewel offers privacy and wonderful spaces for entertaining. Located on a peaceful cul-de-sac, this home has been recently updated including a kitchen remodel and installation of hardwood floors throughout. The formal dining room and the large deck areas are designed for seamless indoor/outdoor living.

Tom Nemeth

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Welcome home! Welcome to one of Oakland's best neighborhoods! This elegant and charming 1920's bungalow was built with all the charm of yesteryear: formal dining room with china cabinet, fireplace, hardwood floors, sunny breakfast room off the updated kitchen; downstairs a rumpus room or office. Out back, a huge grassy yard for parties or play. This delightful home, so close to bustling Piedmont Avenue, also has a basement and a garage. An amazing package in a wonderful neighborhood! 2+BR/2BA.

93 Echo Avenue, Oakland
Offered at \$685,000



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6206 VIEWCREST DRIVE

Meticulous 4BR/3BA, first floor BR/BA. LR w/FP. Vaulted ceiling & maple floors in living & formal dining rms. Eat-in kitchen, family rm, master suite opens to deck & garden. Great level yard.

Offered at \$929,000



6230 VIEWCREST DRIVE

New Price! Beautiful ALL LEVEL LIVING in Ridge mont. 3BR/2.5BA, formal dining rm, eat-in kitchen, family rm w/fireplace. Wonderful outdoor living w/a sense of privacy, level yard, 3 car garage, roof 2 years old.

Offered at \$885,000

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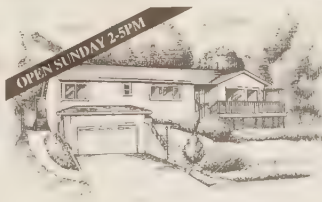
Frank Lloyd Wright Meets The Ahwahnee
1241 Westview Drive, Berkeley
Offered at \$995,000

In the Claremont Hills, you'll find this dramatic mid-century contemporary. A sort of Frank Lloyd Wright meets the Ahwahnee if you will. Two-story windows with Bay views, a two-story Rumford fireplace, and the organic architecture of concrete block, heavy timbers and stone, juxtaposed against a mid-century interior with 3+ bedrooms, 3 baths. Cool.

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Garden And Views In Kensington
39 Franciscan Way, Kensington
Offered at \$799,000

This spacious mid-century modern is tucked into one of the East Bay's sweetest neighborhoods. The deck and big windows take advantage of the Bay views, and the backyard garden is great for play and entertaining - hot tub included! It has 3BD/2BA with a huge dining room that is a must see. A finished basement offers potential expansion. The fireplace, hardwood floors and new carpets help make this a lovely home.

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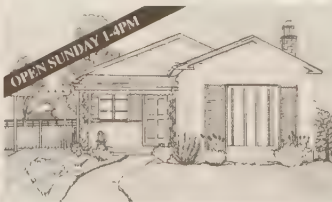
The House That Pays For Itself!
2629 Stanton, Berkeley
Offered at \$686,000

What a way to jump start your investment portfolio! Buy this 5-unit compound (with a commercial loan). There's a grand 3+ bedroom main house with 2 fireplaces, 2 sunporches for you. And 4 income units that will give you enough rental income to pay the mortgage. Yes, you can have your cake and eat it, too.

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2539 Carmel St., Lincoln Heights
\$639,000

2+BR/2BA This delightful home is amazingly comfortable for today's busy family, with a fireplace, formal dining room, an updated bathroom, eat in kitchen, master bed and bath, cozy backyard, garage, and abundant storage including a basement. Near parks, and Farmer Joe's on a great tree-lined street.

View a photo tour at www.anitabecker.com



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Berkeley Live/Work Loft
2709 10th Street #D
\$629,000

Stylish THREE Story 2BD/1.5BA. Stunning design with quality finishes are offered in this hip live/work space, built in 2004. Modern, sleek, clean, secure, quiet building w/private deck and urban views are offered in this 5 unit complex. Perfect for the professional or your own business w/easy access to transportation & shopping.

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The Astro! Four Modern Tics
With Seller Financing
2372 10th Street, Berkeley
Offered at \$349,000 to \$369,000

West Berkeley is on the rise and this building is one of the stars! Each unit has 2 BD/1BA, and has its own parking. Kitchens are upgraded with granite and stainless and there are hardwood floors throughout. Walk to several excellent cafes and other retail services in this commute-friendly neighborhood.

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COMMANDING SF/GG VIEW
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6247 Ridgemont Drive, Oakland
Offered at \$1,049,000

Well designed 3BR/2.5BA. Formal dining room, eat-in kitchen with pantry, family room with fireplace. Master suite with breathtaking view. Large deck and level yard, 3-car garage. One of the best views in Ridgemont with fantastic views from almost every room.

NEW MONTCLAIR LISTING
OPEN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1-4:30PM



18 Cornwall Court, Oakland
Offered at \$979,000

Step through the front gate and be transformed! Located in desirable Piedmont Pines and at the end of a cul-de-sac, this sophisticated home features 4BR/3BA and lush verdant and canyon views. Living room has handcrafted fireplace that matches the front door, vaulted ceilings, tall windows, and wood floors. 3 bedrooms and 2 remodeled baths upstairs. There is a family room with fireplace plus a bedroom, bath and 2 extra rooms downstairs. The garage is attached. Special attention to detail make this a very special place to call home! Don't miss the Twilight Tour Thursday, November 16, 5-7pm.

NEW REDWOOD HEIGHTS LISTING
OPEN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1-5PM



4069 Huntington Street, Oakland
Offered at \$675,000

This Wonderful 3BR/2BA Redwood Heights home boasts gleaming hardwood floors, lots of light through a large multi-paned window in the vaulted ceiling living room and a grand fireplace in which to read a good book by a warming fire. Entertain in the formal dining room just off of the large eat-in kitchen. Enjoy your morning newspaper with a cup of coffee or BBQ with friends on the level patio, yard or large deck in which you can take in the South Bay views! All this and an attached garage, lovely landscaping, a dog run, and within Redwood Heights Elementary boundaries!

NEW REDWOOD HEIGHTS LISTING
OPEN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2-4:30PM



4285 Detroit Avenue, Oakland
Offered at \$639,000

Redwood Heights Mediterranean offering the best of 1925 architecture and style. Beautiful hardwood floors with wood inlay, archways, unique fireplace and wood moldings around windows and doorways. Comfortable floor plan includes lovely living room, formal dining room, delightful and spacious kitchen with breakfast nook. Downstairs there is a laundry room, detached garage and deck which leads to level garden.

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30

OAKLAND HILLS \$3,995,000
105 ROCKINGHAM CT.
New builder, Edward Lee's latest creation. Finest craftsmanship. Spectacular 4 bridge views. Grand Grand Quad cul-de-sac. Sumpsum theater and 6BR/6BA. David Ichikawa x1331



RIDGEMONT \$885,000
6230 VIEWCREST DR.
New price! All level living. 3BR/2.5BA, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, family room w/fireplace. Beautiful outdoor living w/a sense of privacy. 3 car garage, 2 year old roof. Nancy Moore x1302



SAN LEANDRO \$579,000
838 DOWLING BLVD. (Open 1-4)
Stunning restoration of a gorgeous 2BR/1BA craftsman home. Formal dining w/built-ins, fireplace, custom windows, gourmet kitchen, deck, yard. Michelle Miller x1335

OAKLAND HILLS \$2,050,000
100 GRANDVIEW DR.
Formal 4BR/3.5BA Mediterranean w/wine cellar and bay views. New construction. Gourmet kitchen, sauna, media/game room, chandeliered wine cellar. Dee Knowland x1318

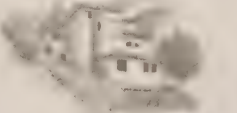
CLAREMONT PINES \$1,495,000
6122 ACACIA AVE.
5BR/3.5BA Mediterranean home in coveted neighborhood. Spacious formal rooms & elegant entry. Chef's kitchen/family room w/French doors. Dee Knowland x1318

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$799,000
3121 JORDAN AVE. (Open 1:30-4:30)
Beautifully remodeled 3BR/2.5BA contemporary in creekside setting. Gourmet kitchen, updated baths, hardwood floors. Expansive decks. In-law unit. Dan Joy x1304

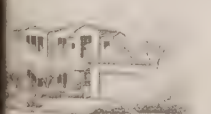
BERKELEY \$725,000
850 KEELER AVE. (Open 2-5)
Enchanting Berkeley Hills cottage w/beautiful views of SF/GG/2+BR/1BA home w/gleaming hardwood floors, multi-paned windows, level patio & yard. Near Solano Ave. Lori Arazi x1330



EMERETTE \$1,945,000
100 QUAIL RIDGE RD. (Open 1-4)
Newly remodeled contemporary with an incredible floor. Unique stainless steel entry, floors, chef's kitchen. Glass-walled lanai, and sweeping views. Steven Biasatti x1379



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$559,000
51 TERALYNN CT. (Open 1-4)
New Price! Stylish 2-story townhome w/outstanding South Bay views. Large open living room w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace, spacious kitchen & dining area, 2BR/2.5BA. Lori Lombardo x1377



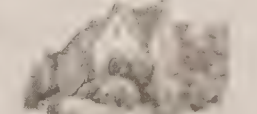
CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,469,000
1999 TUNNEL RD. (Open 2-4)
Brand new Richard Janzen designed custom contemporary. 4BR/3.5BA, elevator, separate guest or office suite, gourmet kitchen, level indoor/outdoor living areas. Fritz Hochfeller x1348

BERKELEY \$749,000
1346 SACRAMENTO ST. (Open 2-5)
Bright open 3BR/2BA contemporary near BART & Monterey Market. Spacious family room, sunny deck and beautiful landscaped garden. Vicki Woodhead x1334

PIEDMONT AVENUE \$685,000
93 ECHO AVE.
Very charming 1920's bungalow with 2+BR/2BA. Hardwood floors, formal dining room, fireplace, updated kitchen w/breakfast nook, garage, big yard. Joan Dark x1316

OAKLAND \$529,000
2044 5TH AVE.
3BR/2BA including separate one bedroom au pair set up. 1920's charm, hardwood floors. Newer kitchen, bath, roof, furnace, electrical & hot water heater. Chuck Corwin x1353

BERKELEY \$1,895,000
10 MILLER AVE.
Magical home built by David Wilson in 1993. Personal architecture, exquisite finishes & glories of GG Bridge & Mt. Tam. Secluded & 5BR/3.5BA. Cherie Corbin 510-332-5292



BERKELEY \$525,000
2315 ACTON ST.
New Listing! Charming 2BR/1BA bungalow retaining much of its original charm. Covered front porch, built-ins, hardwood floors, fireplace. Deck, garden & patio. Lee Jacobson x1309



UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,075,000
28 MASONIC PL.
New Listing! Hidden jewel offers privacy & wonderful spaces for entertaining. Recently updated kitchen, hardwood floors throughout, formal dining room, large deck. Peaceful cul-de-sac. Tom Nemeth x1381

ROCKRIDGE \$725,000
6100 COLBY ST.
Charming 2BR/1BA craftsman cottage w/classic period details. Designer colors, refinished wood floors, wonderful updated kitchen, fenced yard, garage. Near College Ave. Kathleen Callahan x1343

LAUREL \$679,000
3001 WISCONSIN ST.
New Price! Charming all level 1934 Tudor w/all the amenities of a newer home. 3BR/1+BA, large kitchen, breakfast room, formal dining, hardwood floors, fireplace. Yard w/hot tub. Kathy Flynn x1317

BERKELEY \$499,000
2419 PROSPECT ST.
Great hill location close to UC Campus. Cottage with hardwood floors, fireplace & garden as well as 1 car parking garage space. Michelle Vasey x1357

OAKLAND HILLS \$1,500,000
100 BACON RD.
Newly built traditional on 1+ acre. Gourmet kitchen w/family room, 4+BR/4BA, air-conditioned. Private & expansive indoor-outdoor areas. Near 1308 & Sandi Klemmer x1314

OAKLAND HILLS \$929,000
6206 VIEWCREST DR.
Ridgemont beauty! Meticalous 4BR/3BA including first floor BR/BA. Living room w/fireplace. Sunny eat-in kitchen, spacious family room, yard & garden. Wendy Fernati x1303

MONTCLAIR \$725,000
1145 GLENCOURT DR.
Stylish 3BR/2BA home in popular Montclair! Open floor plan with light, airy spaces in a lush wooded setting. Hardwood floors, skylights & a fabulous hot tub. Christian Downer x1340

SAN LEANDRO \$629,000
1218 ALDER CREEK CIR. (Open 1-4)
New Listing! Immaculate 3BR/2BA contemporary home built in 2002. Centrally located in the desirable Wood Creek neighborhood. Living room w/fireplace, upgraded kitchen. Michelle Miller x1335

EL SOBRANTE \$479,000
4229 FARISS LN.
Spacious inviting 3BR/2BA home nicely updated. Fireplace, country kitchen, family room, gleaming hardwood floors, lovely garden. Leslie Avant x1341

By Appointment

MONTCLAIR \$899,000
Stunning 4BR/2.5BA home located in the heart of Montclair. Soaring vaulted ceilings, canyon views from most rooms. Kathy Flynn x1317

OAKLAND HILLS \$896,000
Spacious 4BR/3BA Ridgemont home built in 1988. 3-car garage, deck, level yard. Beautiful canyon views. Freshly painted. Located on peaceful cul-de-sac. Leslie Easterday x1363



JACK LONDON SQUARE \$629,000
Sophisticated loft living from this bright 2BR/2BA corner unit. Custom upgrades & finishes. Beautifully painted, hi-end lighting, granite counters. Dan Joy x1304

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$589,000
Adorable 2BR/1BA 1920's Mediterranean in Trestle Glen area. Lovely formal rooms, remodeled kitchen & bath, hardwood floors, fireplace, garage, patio/garden. Dolores Thom x1364



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$739,000
Delightful 3BR/2BA home in Trestle Glen area. Upgraded kitchen with sliding glass doors, spacious master bedroom, large basement, garage. Dolores Thom x1364

DIMOND \$599,000
3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Adorable craftsman bungalow lovingly restored. Decorator colors, fireplace, hardwood floors, lovely yard. Nancy Noman x1373

JACK LONDON SQUARE \$509,000
Sophisticated loft. Bright 2BR/1.5BA unit w/high ceilings & concrete floors. Kitchen & baths w/nice finishes. Near transportation & shops. Dan Joy x1304

MONTCLAIR \$899,000
Newly renovated w/soaring ceilings, beautiful detailing, spacious rooms, large windows. 3BR/2.5BA, den. Near bike trail to Village. Teri Carlisle x1305

PIEDMONT \$889,000
Recently renovated classic 3BR/2BA home on level lot. Wonderful architectural details, gleaming hardwood floors. Large yard, attached garage. Martha Holstlaw x1312

BERKELEY \$699,000
5BR/3BA. Beautiful Victorian on extra large sunny lot. Near BART. High ceilings, fireplace, hardwood. Duplex or large home + income. Nancy Noman x1373

BERKELEY \$599,000
Fabulous 3 story live/work condo with deck & patio. Dramatic, high ceiling, light filled. Near 4th Street shops & transportation. Nancy Noman x1373

GRAND LAKE \$249,000
Peaceful, spacious 1BR/1BA in convenient location. Easy commute, coffee, cats, movies, the Lake. Private entry patio. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

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50 Selborne Drive \$3,685,000
Privacy, state-of-the-art technology, warmth & style beautifully come together in this 5BR/5BA stunning villa. Enjoy the perfect balance between old world charm & contemporary amenities. Linda McClain



330 San Carlos Ave. \$1,725,000
Enjoy lovely sunsets & classical elegance of this handsome Colonial home. Spacious formal rooms, large kitchen/family room w/beautiful windows looking out to a lush & private garden. Nancy Lehrkind



43 Cambridge Way \$1,189,000
A Spanish tiled veranda welcomes you to this spacious 3BR/3BA traditional. New chef's eat-in kitchen, formal dining room & living room w/fireplace. French doors off family room open to garden. Matt Healey



1124 Ranleigh Way \$298,000
Quality home. Convenient location. Level-in. S kitchen/family room level-out to deck and private garden. Delightful Craftsman details. 3BR/2BA. Close to schools and shopping. Sandra Vogel

220 Saint James Drive \$2,650,000
Perfectly sited on a private lot, this well proportioned home has been restored to perfection. Its spectacular staircase & original plaster moldings set the tone for the rest of the home. Karen Starr

35 Wildwood Ave. \$1,235,000
This charming home is perfectly located close to schools, transportation, and the amenities of Grand and Piedmont Avenues. Classic floor plan, eat-in kitchen and several bonus spaces. Anne Feste

1761 Trestle Glen Road \$1,095,000
Spacious contemporary w/vaulted ceilings & gleaming hardwood floors. Easy access to outdoor living. 3BR/2BA plus family room w/double fireplace. One level living. Elizabeth Dickson

63 Wildwood Avenue \$949,000
Charming 4BR/2.5BA home. Recent updates to kitchen include new granite counters & appliances plus new carpeting in the master suite. Large rear gardens off the kitchen & deck. Anthony Riggins

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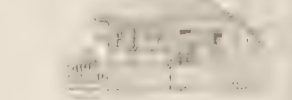
6550 Swainland Road \$3,500,000
New from Reuvekamp Builders! Exciting contemporary w/panoramic views & level garden! 5BR/4.5BA, formal dining, large kitchen/family room, library, media room & more. Bebe McRae



5973 Rincon Drive \$1,175,000
View home. Lower Montclair. Remodelled & in move-in condition! 3+BR/2+BA w/rumpus room & office. Gated private front patio & beautiful back garden w/lawn. Angela Wei Grubb



2820 Leimert Boulevard \$349,000
Upper Oakmore 3BR/3BA Traditional with home office and cook's kitchen with granite counters is nestled above a sea of oak trees with a peak of view of the San Francisco Bay. Julie Gardner



5533 Marshall Street \$583,000
Charming vintage bungalow in sought after Emeryville/Oakland neighborhood. Blocks from Meditation Center, Emeryville shops, transportation & amenities. 2BR/1BA. Lovely garden! Ruth Frassetto

984 Wawona Avenue \$1,495,000
English Tudor showplace w/grand public rooms, warm architectural detailing & lovely Bay views. Full attic and basement, shop, rumpus room. Near Lakeshore Farmer's Market. Nancy Lehrkind

10033 Broadway Terrace \$1,175,000
Award-winning William Dutcher contemporary w/panoramic views. Living room w/inglenook. Kitchen/dining room w/sunny garden. Artist's studio w/bath. Potential in-law. 3+BR/3BA. Carol Brown

6529 Liggett Drive \$729,000
Enlightened English style home level out to park-like garden on the Piedmont side of Montclair. 2BR/2BA & den. Refinished hardwood floors, lovely windows and details. Debra Dryden

143 Samaria Lane \$779,000
Spacious townhome w/fabulous South Bay views. Living/dining area adjoins cook's kitchen, built in cabinetry, an updated kitchen, a darling interior access. Steve Michaelides

1037 Aquarius Way \$1,250,000
A dramatic ultra-modern home nestled in the Montclair hills. Pure, clean architecture in a beautiful serene setting. Exceptional features include a level lawn & gardens w/spa. A masterpiece! Jill Carrigan

858 Carlston Avenue \$1,050,000
Exquisite Crocker Highlands Tudor. Custom woodwork & built-ins. Fabulous remodel w/vintage detailing. Large spacious master w/room for 2nd bath & Bay views. 3+BR/1+BA. Hope Broderick

599 Crestmont Drive \$785,000
This spacious contemporary w/open floor plan features sweeping Bay views. Dramatic living room w/vaulted ceilings, master suite, office/study. Kitchen w/breakfast room, 3BR/2.5BA. Sherry Benninger

192 Staten Street, #502 \$175,000
Prestigious New York style doorman building with grace and style. Spacious one bedroom, one bath with elegant formal rooms, eat-in kitchen, arched doorways and views! Bettina Balesme

1800 Mountain Blvd. \$1,250,000
Stunning, newer contemporary, 4BR/2+BA, close to the village, in absolutely move-in condition. Wonderful chef's kitchen w/adjoining family room, opens onto lovely rear garden. Michael Friedman

1054 Sunnyhills Road \$1,195,000
Well-maintained Crocker Highlands traditional w/3BR/2.5BA + family room. Updated eat-in kitchen w/new granite counters & hardwood floors. Master suite w/private deck. Steve Michaelides

161 Beauforest Drive \$725,000
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1115 Agua Vista Street \$450,000
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2829 Buena Vista Way \$895,000
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2026 Ninth Street \$749,000
Charming renovated 3BR/2BA cottage w/original Victorian details. Large kitchen w/Wedgewood stove. Formal rooms w/rich wood trim. Family room & office. Convenient to shops. Michelle Winchester

25 Highgate Court \$988,000
Kensington. Breathtaking views from the contemporary 3BR/2BA post & beam modern design. Exceptional remodeled kitchen w/top-of-the-line appliances & custom cabinets. Ruth Frassetto

1828 San Juan \$1,150,000
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Kensington. 1950's Modern-stylish & inviting home. Close to Village shops & exceptional Hillside School. Excellent proximity to S.F. & Marin. Sunny garden. Attached two-car garage. Annie Walcott

682 Creston Road \$910,000
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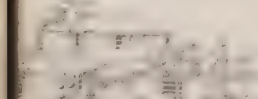
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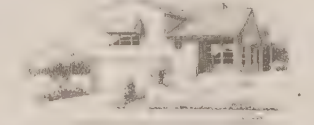
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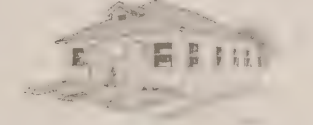
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Pros and cons of P.M.I. (private mortgage insurance)

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It's almost impossible to listen to the radio or read a newspaper without encountering an ad for low- or no-down-payment home loans. If you are considering buying a house or condominium, or refinancing your current home, it pays to understand the pros and cons of these high loan-to-value ratio mortgages.

What is P.M.I. (Private Mortgage Insurance)? Unless you obtain a government-sponsored VA (Veteran's Administration) or FHA (Federal Housing Administration) home loan for all or most of the market value of your home, you will probably encounter PMI.

PMI insures conventional mortgage lenders, such as banks, credit unions and mortgage bankers, against foreclosure losses on the mortgage amount exceeding 80 percent of the home's value.

For example, suppose you buy a \$200,000 house or condo for nothing down with a \$200,000 PMI mortgage. In addition to your monthly principal and interest mortgage payment, plus property taxes, you will also have to pay a PMI premium. If you default and the lender suffers a foreclosure loss, the PMI insurer will pay the lender any loss exceeding 80 percent of the loan balance. That's up to \$40,000 in this example.

In other words, PMI protects mortgage lenders, not borrowers. But PMI enables "cash challenged" home buyers to purchase homes for which they don't have a down payment available.

With good income and good credit, home loan borrowers can obtain PMI mortgages for 90 percent, 95 percent, 100 percent and sometimes even 103 percent (in-

cluding closing costs) of the residence's purchase price.

Major drawbacks of P.M.I. But PMI is not free. Although PMI premiums vary, they typically add \$50 to several hundred dollars per month to the cost of a home loan, depending on the loan amount and the insurer's risk.

PMI is underwritten by private insurers specializing in this unique insurance, which is arranged by mortgage lenders for their borrowers.

Another drawback is PMI pre-

miums are not tax deductible like mortgage interest. For several years, PMI insurers have been lobbying Congress to make PMI premiums deductible, so far without success. Their argument is PMI helps increase home sales and the national economy, promotes home ownership and raises construction employment. But the counter-argument is PMI deductions would decrease income-tax revenue.

To overcome this non-deductibility drawback, a few mortgage lenders don't charge PMI on

their high-ratio home loans. Instead, they charge a slightly higher (tax

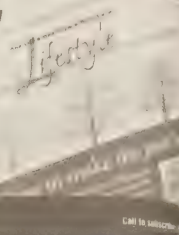
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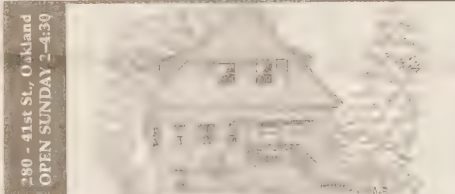


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 403 Perkins St - \$990,000
 4867 Reinhardt Dr - \$650,000
 2159 Rosedale Av - \$479,000
 4211 Santa Rita St - \$409,000
 492 Staten Av - \$825,000
 7857 Sterling Dr - \$483,000
 7919 Sterling Dr - \$610,000
 6211 Telegraph 25 - \$540,000
 4528 Thompson - \$450,000
 4308 Tompkins Av - \$609,000
 3742 Virden Av - \$763,000
 4173 Whittle Av - \$799,000

PIEDMONT
 361 Moraga Av - \$950,000
 107 Sunnyside - \$838,000

RICHMOND
 646 12th St - \$535,000
 218 18th St - \$550,000
 543 18th St - \$380,000
 1827 2nd St - \$440,000
 641 30th St - \$435,000
 820 9th St - \$225,000
 2719 Bissell Av - \$339,000
 2951 Bonds Ln - \$399,000
 2565 Duke Av - \$577,500
 106 Flagship - \$927,000
 108 Flagship - \$1,046,000
 1405 Florida Av - \$365,000
 5037 Glenn Av - \$125,000
 401 Golden Gate - \$550,000
 2991 Groom Dr - \$475,000
 5336 Haskell Ct - \$623,000
 786 Kern St - \$425,000
 1536 Lincoln Av - \$445,000
 234 Marina Lakes - \$274,000
 4841 Morwood - \$500,000
 1063 Parkside Dr - \$410,000
 4115 Potrero Av - \$510,000
 1830 Ralston Av - \$507,500
 5386 Saddleback - \$661,000
 1519 Santa Clara - \$445,000
 120 South 33rd St - \$490,000
 220 South 5th St - \$355,000
 233 South 7th St - \$570,000
 6112 Sutter Av - \$425,000

SAN LEANDRO
 358 Accolado Dr - \$629,000
 378 Arroyo Av - \$520,000
 3470 Figueroa Dr - \$555,000
 1595 Hubbard Av - \$590,000
 15435 Montreal St - \$550,000
 2038 Nome St - \$540,000
 224 Oakes Bl - \$584,000
 1519 Oriole Av - \$479,000
 1740 Oriole Av - \$485,000
 2016 Reynolds St - \$584,000
 13925 Seagate Dr - \$555,000
 15920 Selborne Dr - \$643,000
 1249 Terra Av - \$677,500
 784 Woodgate Dr - \$455,000

SAN LORENZO
 1379 Jacqueline - \$400,000
 1540 Via Chorro - \$556,000
 15968 Via Paro - \$510,000

By the numbers
 TOTAL SALES: 11
 LOWEST PRICE: \$315,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$854,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$725,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$662,045

ALBANY
 TOTAL SALES: 5
 LOWEST PRICE: \$462,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$730,000

MEDIAN PRICE: \$649,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$621,200

BERKELEY
 TOTAL SALES: 11
 LOWEST PRICE: \$435,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,460,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$630,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$734,818

EL CERRITO
 TOTAL SALES: 1
 PRICE: \$373,000

EL SOBRANTE
 TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST PRICE: \$231,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$605,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$535,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$421,250

OAKLAND
 TOTAL SALES: 69
 LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,600,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$550,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$630,913

EMERYVILLE
 TOTAL SALES: 6
 LOWEST PRICE: \$345,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$675,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$475,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$487,500

PIEDMONT
 TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$838,000

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\$315,000	955 Shorepoint Ct.	1BD/1BA
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Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Ruth Masonek	
\$425,000	1701 Central Ave. F	2 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4	Central Alameda	510-814-4880
Harbor Bay Realty	Maureen Shandobil	
\$438,000	1810 Central Avenue #305	2BD/2BA
Sun 2-4	510-410-6058/846-4141	
Kane & Associates	Marie Kane & Liz Kane	
\$449,000	1312 Lincoln Avenue	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-4	925-639-1571	
Intero Real Estate Services	Jlm Silver	
\$450,000	1533 Pacific Ave.	1BD/1BA
Sun 2-4	Central Alameda	510-748-1148
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Pacita Dimacali	
\$485,000	412 Centre Ct.	1 BD/1 BA
Sun 3-5	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4802
Harbor Bay Realty	Rich Krinks	
\$509,000	3351 Solomon Ln.	3 BD/1.5 BA
Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4847/814-4819
Harbor Bay Realty	Chuck & Nancy Bianchi	
\$529,000	1030 Melrose Ave.	3 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4897
Harbor Bay Realty	Nancy Mach	
\$529,000	1147 Verdeman Dr	3 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4874
Harbor Bay Realty	Mark Playsted	
\$533,000	760 Buena Vista Ave.	2 Units
Sun 2-4	Central Alameda	510-908-6600
Harbor Bay Realty	Fred Christensen	
\$539,000	339 Broadway	2BD/2BA
Sat & Sun 2-4	Alameda Realty	510-508-7959
		Carol Burnett
\$540,000	301 Broadway 104	2 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4	East End	510-908-9025
Harbor Bay Realty	Walt Jacobs	
\$549,000	2253 Clinton Ave.	1+BD/1 BA
Sun 2-4	Central	510-407-0175
Preferred Properties of Ca	Anne DeBardeleben	
\$549,000	1096 Melrose Avenue	2BD/2BA
Sun 2-4		510-865-0688
Kane & Associates	Marilyn Oliver	
\$550,000	1001 Tahiti Ln.	2 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4841
Harbor Bay Realty	Tom Young	
\$550,000	107 Garden Road	2BD/2BA
Sat 2-4	Bayfarm	510-748-1162
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Chih Wu	
\$550,000	2809 San Jose Avenue	2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4	East End	510-912-5055
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Ruth Masonek	
\$559,000	901 San Antonio Ave	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-4	Gold Coast	510-735-5717
Dennis Bader	Broker	
\$560,000	3444 Capella Ln.	2BD/2 BA
Sun 2:30-4:30	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4814
Harbor Bay Realty	Connie Hanna	
\$565,000	212 Centre Ct.	2BD/2.5BA
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-919-5485
Kane & Associates	John Bergman	
\$569,000	1164 Island Drive	4 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4819/814-4847
Harbor Bay Realty	Nancy & Chuck Bianchi	
\$569,000	1321 Webster St. #D-208	2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4		510-303-2525
Alameda Realty	Bette Barr	
\$569,500	918 Walnut Street	2BD/2BA
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-483-1676/919-8934
Kane & Associates	K. Nowak & S. Anderson	
\$573,000	1128 Peach St.	2 BD/1 BA
Sun 2-4	East End	510-504-5091/504-5089
Harbor Bay Realty	Barbara Bolton/Bill Douglas	
\$575,000	1446 Sixth Street	2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4		510-213-0517
Kane & Associates	Kathie Walton	
\$575,000	2626 Washington Avenue	2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4		510-205-4369/205-3575
Kane & Associates	D. Gunderman/A. Raskopf	
\$579,000	238 Bannister Ct.	2 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4864
Harbor Bay Realty	Ronald Jones	
\$595,500	106 Holly Oak Lane	2 BD/2.5 BA
Sat 2-4		510-748-5300
Homes-Link Real Estate		
\$610,000	2860 Jackson St.	2 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4800
Harbor Bay Realty	Janet Iverson	
\$629,000	934 Taylor Avenue	3BD/2BA
Sun 2-4		510-589-1908
Kane & Associates	Hanna Fry	
\$647,000	105 Brunswick Rd.	2 BD/1.5 BA
Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4884
Harbor Bay Realty	Izabella Lipetski	
\$649,000	139 Purcell Drive	2BD/2BA
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-388-7214
Kane & Associates	Valerie Newman	
\$652,000	2716 San Jose Avenue	4BD/1BA
Open Sat/Sun 1-4		925-381-4817
Intero Real Estate Services	Jeff Pollard	
\$659,000	3 Parfait Ln.	3 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4810
Harbor Bay Realty	Jane Friedrich	
\$669,000	31 Invincible Ct.	2BD/2BA
Sun 2-4	Marina Village	510-748-1126
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Constance Farber	
\$669,500	224 Brighton Court	2BD/2BA
Sun 2-4	Sandpiper Cove	510-748-1133
Gallagher & Lindsey	Stephanie Neher	
\$689,500	4 Eclipse Court	3BD/2BA
Sat & Sun 2-4	Marina Village	510-748-1108
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Bill & Griselda Bissett	
\$699,000	1310 Court St.	2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4	East End	510-748-1126
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Constance Farber	
\$729,000	984 Post St.	3 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4	East End	510-681-5249
Alameda Realty	Carol Knight	
\$738,000	1209 Otis Drive	4BD/2BA
Sun 2-4		510-828-3118
Kane & Associates	Kathie & Patrick Ng	
\$748,000	1142 Peach Street	3BD/2BA
Sun 2-4		415-572-8759
Kane & Associates	Sharon Alva	
\$749,000	301 Ratto Rd.	3 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4846
Harbor Bay Realty	Janice Payne	
\$749,000	770 & 772 Lincoln Ave.	2 homes 1 lot
Sun 2-4		510-508-1215
Kane & Associates	John McNulty	

Alameda

\$749,500	1715 High St.	3+BD/2BA
Sat & Sun 2-4	Fernside District	510-748-1123
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Al Wagner	
\$749,500	2061 Eagle Ave.	4+BD/2 BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-523-3328
Agent, Terry Lufkin		
\$758,000	61 Sand Harbor	3BD/2BA
Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay	510-748-1172
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Lainie Acacio	
\$759,000	159 Purcell Dr.	3 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4		510-697-8383
Alameda Realty	Peter Caponlo	
\$795,000	1341 Versailles Ave.	2 Units
Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4882/579-1184
Harbor Bay Realty	Antoinette Paulino/Dania Alvarez	
\$799,000	337 Laguna Vista	3 BD/2.5 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4832/814-4871
Harbor Bay Realty	Dania Alvarez/Denise Garvine	
\$799,000	36 Britt Court	4+BD/2.5BA
Sun 2-4		510-910-1443
Kane & Associates	Uli Irosi	
\$799,000	5 Invincible Court	3BD/3BA
Sun 2-4		510-531-2274
Kane & Associates	Wendy Sanda	
\$799,000	6 Dow Court	3+BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4		415-345-2588
Pacific Union GMAC	Ivan Leung	
\$799,000	938 Taylor Ave.	5 BD/2.5 BA
Sat 2-4	Central Alameda	510-814-4863
Harbor Bay Realty	Tisa Beene	
\$799,900	1148 Hillery Way	4 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4892
Harbor Bay Realty	Eunice Edwards	
\$799,900	1616 Buena Vista Ave	4BD/3.5BA
Sun 2-4:30		510-910-5204
Alameda Realty	Vincent San Nicolas	
\$839,000	1 Ferro Court	4BD/2BA
Sun 2-4		510-483-1676
Kane & Associates	Krystyna Nowak	
\$849,000	2032-2032 1/2 Clinton Ave.	2 Units
Sun 2-4	2 bd/1 ba & 1+bd/1 ba	510-205-9551
Ron Bang Realty	Ron Bang	
\$925,000	1523 Encinal Ave.	2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4	Off Gold Coast	510-301-4004
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Jim Nations	
\$1,000,000	200 Ratto Rd	4 BD/3 BA
Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4711
Harbor Bay Realty	Judy Jacobs	
\$1,098,000	2358 Coral Sea St.	4BD/2.5BA
Sat & Sun 2-5	Bayport	510-748-1108
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Bill & Griselda Bissett	
\$1,195,000	3100 Lincoln Avenue	4BD/3.5BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-339-8900
Alain Pinel Realtors	Andrea Gordon	
\$1,275,000	334 Tideway	2BD/2BA
Sun 2-4	Ballena Bay	510-301-4004
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Jim Nations	
\$1,289,900	157 Oldcastle Lane	4BD/3BA
Open Sun, 1-5pm		925-864-9667
ReMax	Patrick	
\$1,500,000	506 Tideway Drive	4BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Ballena Bay	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	Bonnie Ross	

Albany

\$450,000	545 Pierce St. #1307	2bd/2ba
Sun 2-4		510-851-9888
Prudential Berkeley	Wendy Louie	
\$539,000	1128 Talbot Ave	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 1-4		510-662-8545
Security Pacific	Michele Manzoni	
\$680,000	639 Santa Fe Avenue	3BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133
The Grubb Co.	Jennifer Fickenscher	
\$699,000	963 Curtis St	3bd/1ba
Sun 2-5		510-915-0702
Marvin Gardens	Richard Morrison	
\$779,000	1064 Neilson	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4	Terrace Park	510-525-3681
Rita Smith Realtor		
\$940,000	1031 Ordway St	3bd/1.5ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-835-6218
Red Oak Realty	Heidi & Jerry Long	

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\$349,000	1330 4th Street	1+BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Live/Work	510-706-2937
Anne Bruff & Associates	Heidi Kearsley	
\$349,000	2327 10th St. #1, #2, #4	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 1-4		510-868-1527
Prudential Berkeley	Mark Hardwicke	
\$369,000	2327 10th St. #3	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 1-4		510-868-1527
Prudential Berkeley	Mark Hardwicke	
\$449,000	2029 Channing Way, Unit 2C	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-4		510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker	Michael Oh	
\$450,000	2325 Howe Street	1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-899-8000
Alain Pinel Realtors	Arballo & Montague	
\$489,000	30380 Halcyon Ct	2bd/1.5ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-757-7671
Northbrae Properties	Heidi Abramson	
\$499,000	1731 Francisco St. A	3bd/2ba
Sun 2-4		510-527-9111
Marvin Gardens	Jean Shrem/Marcel Fischer	
\$499,000	2419 Prospect Street	6+BD/3.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-338-1359
Pacific Union	Michelle Vasey	
\$525,000	2315 Acton	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-338-1309
Pacific Union	Lee Jacobson	
\$549,000	1178 Arch St	3bd/1.5ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-280-2107
Red Oak Realty	Marsha Quick	
\$599,000	2413 Prince St	2bd/1.5ba
Sun 2-4	Elmwood	510-854-0211
Prudential Claremont	Roy Grigsby	
\$619,000	1866 Tacoma Ave	2+bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-280-2173
Red Oak Realty	Amy Robeson	
\$625,000	1606 Blake Street	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker	Zanna Knight	
\$629,000	1332 Russell St	3bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-527-9111
Marvin Gardens	Vanessa Timon Smith	

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\$629,000	2709 10th St #D	2bd/1.5ba
Open Sun 1-4		510-868-1554
Prudential Berkeley	Anita Becker	
\$679,000	913 Channing Way	3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 1-4		510-337-9670
Prudential CA Realty	Lillie Butler	
\$699,000	1380 Tomlee	3bd/2ba
Open Sat/Sun 1-4	No. Berkeley	510-334-6632
Windermere	Areta Crivellari	
\$725,000	1251 Delaware Street	2+BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133
The Grubb Co.	Karthiga Anandan	
\$725,000	850 Keeler	2+BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-5		510-338-1330
Pacific Union Residential	Lorri Arazi	
\$749,000	1346 Sacramento	3BD/2BA
Open 2-5		510-338-1334
Pacific Union	Vicki Woodhead	
\$749,000	2026 Ninth Street	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-0400
The Grubb Co.	Michelle Winchester	
\$759,000	2125 Marin Ave	3bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-280-2122
Red Oak Realty	Shahin Bayat	
\$795,000	505 Colusa Avenue	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-0400
The Grubb Co.	Chris Cohn	
\$799,000	1364 Grizzly Peak Blvd.	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-8900
Alain Pinel Realtors	Tom Erwin	
\$799,000	2604 Grant St.	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 1:30-4:30		925-254-0440
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\$799,000	2922-24 Fulton Street	1+BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133
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\$799,000	463 Vermont Avenue	3+BD/1+BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-0400
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\$830,000	1154 Cragmont	3bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-524-9888x20
Berkeley Hills R.E.	Nancy Mueller	
\$849,000	2753 Ashby Pl	3bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-708-6278
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\$849,000	355 Rugby Avenue	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133
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\$895,000	2808 Ashby Ave.	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		925-548-1279
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\$895,000	2829 Buena Vista Way	3BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133
The Grubb Co.	Helene Barkin	
\$910,000	682 Creston Road	3BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-0400
The Grubb Co.	Anne Van Dyke	
\$925,000	1206 Oxford St.	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 1:30-4		510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker	Rita Zwierling	
\$995,000	1241 Westview Dr	3+bd/3ba
Sun 2-4:30pm	Claremont Hills	510-868-1487
Prudential Berkeley	Barbara Reynolds	
\$1,070,000	12 Hill Road	2BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Berkeley Hills	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	Barbara Hardacre	
\$1,075,000	1320 Summit Rd	4+bd/3ba
Open Sun 2-4	Close to LBL	510-809-4333
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4230 Rockridge	4bd/2ba	510-636-0606	Wayne Wilkerson
7862 Crest Ave	2bd/1.5ba	510-595-7699	Dave Higgins
474 Merritt Ave #1	2bd/1.5ba	510-595-7699	Dave Higgins
1634 E 31 St.	3bd/2ba	510-668-1564	Narabi Kim
2425 Frances St	2bd/1ba	510-434-2010	Richard Matus
367 Maple Avenue	2BD/1BA	510-339-0400	Mavis Delacroix
5633 Roberts Ave	3bd/1ba	510-636-0606	Wayne Wilkerson
5900 Castledown St	3bd/1ba	510-292-7838	Carrie McAllister
3500 Kingsland Avenue	2BD/1BA	510-339-4700	Liat Bostick
3631 Lyon Avenue	2BD/1BA	510-339-4700	Joan Alford/Preston Grant
2044 5th Avenue	3BD/2BA	510-338-1353	Chuck Corwin
3315 Magnolia St	2bd/2ba	510-813-3406	Robert Hickey
2210 Madera Avenue	3BD/2BA	510-531-7000	Kate Phillips
6846 Saroni Dr	1+bd/1ba	510-339-8301	Laurel Strand
2415 108th Avenue	3BD/2BA	510-899-8000	Michelle McKeown
2944 58th Ave	3bd/2ba	510-299-3097	Jimmy Halloran
3212 Pierson St	2+bd/2BA	925-683-3488	Marty Baum
1883 Miami Court	2BD/1BA	510-486-1495	Susan "Zanna" Knight
3259 Madera Ave	3bd/2ba	510-339-9290	Grynbal/Randall
3827 Wisconsin Street	2BD/1BA	510-531-7000	x260 Michaela Shanahan
143 Samaria Lane	2BD/2.5BA	510-339-0400	Steve Michaelides
51 Terahym Ct	2BD/2+BA	510-339-1377	Lori Lombardo
7412 Sunlight Drive	3BD/1BA	510-409-9503	Dave Murphy
5533 Marshall Street	2BD/1BA	510-339-0400	Ruth Frassetto
1504 Mountingate Way	2BD/1BA	510-339-0400	Angela Wei Grubb
3221 Magnolia	2BD/2BA	510-339-4700	E. Lancaster
3779 Fruitvale Ave.	2 BD/1 BA	510-921-6000	Jacob Vendle
4210 Market Street	3BD/1.5BA	510-339-4700	James Brown
108 Pleasant Valley Ave	2bd/1ba	510-339-8400	Jack Brennaman
3105 Middleton	2bd/1.5ba	510-339-8400	Nahid Nassiri
454 Lincoln Avenue	2+bd/1+BA	510-339-4700	Rachel Bailor
4366 Albert Street	2BD/1.5BA	510-531-7000	x292 Carol Robbiano
2301 Wisconsin St.	3 BD/1 BA	510-614-4885	Jeff Goodman
4230 Maybelle Ave	2+bd/3ba	510-834-2010	John Forrest Bell
1478 Excelsior	3bd/1ba	510-834-2010	Lisa Cartolano
2451 Alida St	3+bd/2ba	510-339-8400	Patricia Bennett
404 Anderson Ave	3BD/1.5BA	925-949-9499	Nancy Deverell
2539 Carmel St	2+bd/2ba	510-868-1554	Anita Becker
111 Oak Street Ph 7	2BD/2BA	510-339-4700	Kara Thacker
4385 Detroit Avenue	2BD/1BA	510-378-8700	Dwight McCan
4751 Fair Avenue	2BD/1BA	530-531-7000	x235 Frank Hennefer

Oakland	\$639,000	553 45th Street	3+BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 1-5	Temescal	510-610-6012	Dennis Millard
	\$648,888	4415 Pleasant Valley Ct	2+bd/1.5ba	Open Fri. 10-2/Sun. 2-4		510-846-3316	Keller Williams
	\$649,000	311 Oak St. #512	2+BD/2 BA	Sun 1-4	Jack London Loft	510-507-3334	Theresa Herget
	\$649,000	3951 Altamont St	4bd/4ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30		510-292-2105	Elizabeth McDonald
	\$650,000+	41st St. and Shafter Ave.	3 BD/3.5 BA	Sat & Sun 1-5	Temescal Station	510-239-9111	Barbara Kaml
	\$650,000	4235 Knoll Ave	3bd/2ba	Sun. 2-4:30		510-636-0606	Wayne Wilkerson
	\$650,000	5829 Adelene St	4bd/3ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	No. Oakland	510-339-4000	Arnold Mueller
	\$659,000	2875 Glascock St #214	1bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4		510-280-2105	Sara Garabedian
	\$664,000	3523 Victor Avenue	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Redwood Hgts	510-531-7000	Stan Hammond
	\$669,000	4089 Waterhouse Rd.	3bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Oakland Hills	510-339-8400	Patricia Bennett
	\$675,000	4069 Huntington	3BD/2BA	Open 1-5	Redwood Heights	510-610-3601	Jennie A. Flanagan
	\$677,000	437 Rich Street	2+bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-5	Temescal	415-451-1460	Jane Manning
	\$679,000	3001 Wisconsin	3BD/1.25BA	Open 2-4:30	Laurel	510-338-1317	Kathy Flynn
	\$685,000	93 Echo Avenue	2+BD/2BA	Open 2-4:30	Piedmont Avenue	510-338-1316	Joan Drake
	\$689,000	241 Capricorn Ave	3BD/3BA	Open Sun 2-5	Montclair	510-686-7300	Adam Watts
	\$699,000	2411 Burlington St	2+bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-5	Lincoln Heights	510-776-3105	Ismael Abdullah
	\$699,000	3800 Harrison Street	3+BD/1.5BA	Open Sun 2-4	Piedmont Avenue	510-486-1495	Holly Rose
	\$699,000	4745 Lincoln	3bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Lincoln Hts.	510-697-1372	Barry Klein
	\$699,000	85 Norman Ln	2bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Rockridge	510-428-0900	Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine
	\$725,000	1145 Glencourt	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-338-1340	Christian Downer
	\$725,000	161 Beaufort Drive	3+BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-0400	Katherine Cooper
	\$725,000	4020 Harding Way	3 BD/2 BA	Sat 1-4	Oakmore	510-253-6505	Brad Hart
	\$725,000	6100 Colby	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Rockridge	510-338-1343	Kathleen Callahan
	\$729,000	4797 Geranium Place	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	510-339-9900	Andrea Gordon
	\$735,000	1421 Barrows Rd	3bd/1ba	Sun. 2-4	Trestle Glen	510-339-9290	Mary Dresser
	\$735,000	599 Crestmont Drive	3BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Oakmore	510-339-0400	Sherry Benninger
	\$739,000	3529 Jordan Rd	3bd/1.5ba	Open Sun. 2-5	Redwood Heights	510-845-0211	Natalie Cutler
	\$739,000	3930 Everett	3bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Glenview	510-339-8400	Nahid Nassiri
	\$740,000	6138 Shattuck Ave	TRIPLEX	Open Sun. 1:30-4:30	Red Oak Realty	510-292-2013	Todd Andrew
	\$745,000	1240 Bates Rd	3bd/2ba	Sun. 2-4	Crocker Highlands	510-339-9290	Mary Dresser
	\$745,000	255 Lee Street Penthouse #4	3BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Adams Point	510-531-7000	K. P. Kennedy/P. Buhler
	\$745,000	5905 Zinn Drive	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel Realtors	510-899-8000	Hal Hastie
	\$748,800	3536 Butter Dr	3bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-5	New Spring R-E	510-524-3510	Yehuda Ben-David
	\$749,000	4401 Davenport	3+BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Redwood Heights	510-339-4700	Christine Barker
	\$749,000	6266 Merced Avenue	4BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-4700	Lydia Nayo
	\$759,000	13895 Campus Drive	3BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Coldwell Banker	510-486-1495	Jerry Ratcliff
	\$767,000	6152 Baker Street	Duplex	Open Sun 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel Realtors	510-339-8900	Anida Weyl
	\$779,000	5573 Merriewood Drive	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-4700	Terry Anthony
	\$785,000	280 41st St	3bd/2+ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Piedmont Ave	510-919-2212	Steve Dopkin
	\$789,000	1940 Gouldin Road	5BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	510-339-8900	Helen Nicholas
	\$789,000	2336 Pelham Place	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	510-339-8900	Helen Nicholas
	\$795,000	4327 Detroit Ave	3bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Marvin Gardens	510-502-7199/559-2915	Ron Egberman & Todd Hodson
	\$795,000	538 42nd Street	4-Plex	Open Sat/Sun 2-4:30	Temescal	510-339-4700	Alicia Drake

Oakland	\$795,000	6552 Pine Needle Dr	3bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-334-4235	Vivian Fendel
	\$799,000	3121 Jordan Road	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 1:30-4:30	Redwood Heights	510-338-1304	Dan Joy
	\$799,000	6529 Liggett Drive	2+BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-4700	Debra Dryden
	\$810,000	1950 Oakview Dr.	3BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Oakmore	510-339-4700	Judy Ackerman
	\$819,000	7602 Surrey Lane	4bd/3ba	Open Sun. 1-4:30	Oakland Hills	510-339-9290	Myrtice Wong
	\$829,000	5609 Golden Gate Ave	3bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Upper Rockridge	510-339-8400	Nahid Nassiri
	\$829,000	6802 Gunn Dr.	4BD/3BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700	Terry Anthony
	\$834,999	11309 Greenbrier St	3++bd/2+ba	Open Sun 2-4:30	Sequoiah	510-339-9290	Vikki Landes
	\$845,000	1601 Arrowhead Drive	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	925-253-6248	Madalyn Mitchell
	\$849,000	1014 60th St	4bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4		510-280-2105	Sara Garabedian
	\$849,000	1931 Melvin Road	2+BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-5	Upper Oakmore	530-531-7000	x239 Don Dunning
	\$849,000	2320 Leimert Boulevard	3+BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Oakmore	510-339-0400	Julie Gardner
	\$849,995	42 Rishell Drive	3BD/2.5BA	Open 2-4:30	Richardson Real Estate	510-569-3499	Agent
	\$859,000	6141 Rockridge Blvd.	4BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Rockridge	510-339-4700	Cl Boydston
	\$859,000	6409 Westover Dr	4bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	510-668-1517	Kevin Kreisk
	\$869,000	6656 Heather Ridge Rd	3bd/2+ba	Open Sun. 2-5	Montclair Hills	510-339-9290	Leah Tounge
	\$875,000	566 Radnor Hill	4BD/3BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Haddon Road	510-339-4700	Marlena S. Lyons
	\$875,000	8117 Skyline Blvd	3bd/2ba	Open Sun. 1-5	Montclair	510-339-8301	Laurel Strand
	\$879,000	3837 Park Blvd.	3BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Glenview	510-339-4700	Becky Andersen
	\$885,000	6230 Viewcrest	3BD/2.5BA	Open 2-4:30	Ridgemont	510-338-1302	Nancy Moore
	\$895,000	1023 Winsor	2bd/4ba	Open Sun. 1-4	Lakeshore	510-845-0211	Harrington/Normant
	\$895,000	487 Crestmont Dr	3+bd/2+ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Redwood Heights	510-339-8400	Rosemary Green
	\$899,000	250 Stantonville	3+BD/3.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Crestmont Heights	510-339-4700	Gary Robinson
	\$899,000	4625 Dolores Avenue	4BD/2.5BA	Open Sat/Sun 1-5	Glenview	510-339-4700	Rose Nield
	\$899,000	6875 The Turn	2+BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-0400	Matthew W. Heafey
	\$925,000	1088 Clarendon Crescent	3BD/3BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	510-339-0400	Judith Cain
	\$929,000	6206 Viewcrest	4BD/3BA	Open 2-4:30	Ridgemont	510-338-1303	Wendy Ferrari
	\$929,000	8237 Skyline Circle	3bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4:30	Oakland Hills	510-339-9290	Heidi Marchesotti
	\$939,000	6440 Longcroft Dr	4bd/2.5ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Montclair	510-595-7699	Dave Higgins
	\$950,000	5668 Buena Vista Avenue	3+BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Upper Rockridge	510-339-4700	Terry Kulka
	\$979,000	18 Cornwell Court	4BD/3BA	Open Sun 1-4:30	Montclair	510-338-1350	Donna Conroy
	\$1,025,000	858 Carleton Avenue	3BD/1.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	510-339-0400	Hope Broderick
	\$1,045,000	6995 Elverton Drive	4+BD/3BA	Open Sun 2:30-5	Montclair	510-339-4700	Ellen Lancaster
	\$1,049,000	6247 Ridgemont	3BD/2.5BA	Open 2-4:30	Ridgemont	510-338-1310	Robyn Mohr
	\$1,075,000	28 Masonic Place	3BD/2+BA	Open 2-4:30	Upper Rockridge	510-652-6537	Tom Nemeth
	\$1,100,000	6245 Brookside Avenue	4+BD/3BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Upper Rockridge	510-339-4700	Ellen Lancaster
	\$1,175,000	10033 Broadway Terrace	3+BD/3BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Oakland Hills	510-339-0400	Carol Brown
	\$1,175,000	5973 Rincon Drive	3+BD/2+BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-0400	Angela Wei Grubb
	\$1,195,000	1054 Sunnyhills Road	3BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	510-339-0400	Steve Michaelides
	\$1,200,000	2849 Kitchener	3BD/3BA	Open Sun 2-4	Upper Fruitvale	510-301-4004	Jim Nations
	\$1,229,000	5923 Marie Way	4BD/2.5BA	Open 2-4:30	Rockridge	510-487-5970	x61 Perry Riani
	\$1,250,000	1037 Aquarius Way	3BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-0400	Jill Carrigan

Oakland	\$1,250,000	1300 Mountain Boulevard	4BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-652-2133	Michael Friedman
	\$1,250,000	6240 Acacia Avenue	4BD/3.5BA	Open Sun 2-5	Rockridge	510-531-7000	x232 Tracy Butler
	\$1,250,000	6555 Shepherd Canyon Rd.	4+BD/3.5BA	Open Sun 1:30-4	Montclair	510-339-4700	Julie Joyce
	\$1,258,000	3875 Lakeshore	5bd/3.5ba	Open Sun 2-5	Upper Lakeshore	510-428-0900	Scott Thompson
	\$1,269,000	6375 Longcroft Drive	4BD/4.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-4700	Noni Robinson
	\$1,275,000	5620 Balboa Dr	4bd/3ba	Sun. 1-5	Montclair	510-339-8301	Laurel Strand
	\$1,275,000	923 Longridge Rd	4bd/2+ba	Open Sun 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	510-655-488/506-4064	Mary Lou Martin
	\$1,315,000	229 Florence Ave.	3+BD/2BA	Open Sun 1-5	Upper Rockridge	510-655-5682	Tom Sanborn
	\$1,339,000	6133 Fairlane Drive	4BD/3.5BA	Open Sat/Sun 2-4	Montclair	510-339-4700	Joan Duffield
	\$1,395,000	7150 Woodrow Drive	4BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	510-339-8900	The Copeland Team
	\$1,469,000	1999 Tunnel Rd.	4+BD/3.5BA	Open Sun 2-4	Crocker Highlands	510-338-1348	Fritz Hochfeller
	\$1,495,000	6122 Acacia	5BD/3.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Claremont Pines	510-338-1318	Dee Knowland
	\$1,495,000	6250 Fairlane Drive	3BD/3BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-4700	Michale Gallagher
	\$1,495,000	934 Wawona Avenue	5BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	510-339-0400	Nancy Lehrnick
	\$1,500,000	5586 Bacon	4+BD/4BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Oakland Hills	510-338-1308	D. Cohen
	\$1,545,000	5234 Cochrane	4+BD/2+BA	Open Sun 2-4	Upper Rockridge	510-339-4700	Ruby Mg
	\$1,785,000	6021 Acacia Ave	4bd/2.5ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	Claremont Pines	510-339-9290	Heidi Marchesotti
	\$1,839,000	6256 Melville Drive	4BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel Realtors	510-899-8000	Kelly Deal
	\$1,950,000	7075 Skyline Blvd	4++bd/5+ba	Open Sun. 2-4	Montclair	510-524-8000	Mark P

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deductible) mortgage interest rate, which includes PMI. But the disadvantage is the borrower pays the higher interest rate for the life of the mortgage.

How to cancel your P.M.I. In 1999, Congress enacted virtually worthless legislation requiring lenders to cancel PMI premiums when a borrower's loan-to-value ratio drops below 78 percent of the original loan balance.

However, this law doesn't consider (a) market-value appreciation of the home or (b) a homeowner's capital improvements, which increase the market value of the residence. The cruel result for PMI borrowers is it takes at least 10 years to meet the 78 percent test by paying down their mortgage balance.

Fortunately, most mortgage lenders instead have adopted the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac guidelines. These rules allow PMI cancellation after at least 24 months of on-time mortgage payments when the borrower's home equity is at least 20 percent as shown by a new appraisal from a lender's "approved appraiser" paid for by the borrower.

However, it is up to the PMI borrower to initiate PMI cancellation with the lender. If you think you are eligible to cancel PMI, contact your loan servicer.

You will then be informed you must pay an appraiser from the lender's approved list. Typical appraisal fees are \$300 to \$400. That is a very profitable expense to get rid of your no longer needed PMI premium after the lender has virtually no foreclosure loss risk.

But some lenders refuse to follow the Fannie Mae-Freddie Mac guidelines to cancel PMI premiums. Instead, they insist the home loan be paid down below 78 percent of its original balance before canceling PMI. If you have such an uncooperative lender, the easiest way to get rid of PMI is to refinance with another lender who does not require PMI.

Request a P.M.I. refund after cancellation. After your lender agrees to cancel PMI, or if you pay off a PMI mortgage in full, ask the lender for a partial refund of the current year's PMI premium.

You may be entitled to this refund because lenders usually collect PMI monthly from borrowers but remit premiums annually to the PMI insurer. The result is you may be owed a PMI balance for the unearned premiums, which are refundable to you.

But you must ask. Refund checks of \$100 to \$1,500 or more are not unusual after PMI is cancelled or you pay off a PMI mortgage. If the lender refuses to account for your PMI premiums and you think you are entitled to a partial refund, the local Small Claims Court is a good place to claim your PMI refund from the lender.

P.M.I. does not apply TO F.H.A. Home Loans. Many borrowers who have FHA home loans erroneously think they pay PMI each month. They do not. Instead, FHA charges MMI (mutual mortgage insurance) or MI (mortgage insurance). When a FHA home loan is fully paid off, there might be a partial refund entitlement.

At the time of paying off a FHA mortgage, ask if you are entitled to a MMI or MI partial refund. If you don't receive a refund check within 45 days, contact HUD at 800-697-6967 or write to U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, P.O. Box 23699, Washington, DC 20026-3699.

Or, on the Internet go to www.hud.gov/fha/complerefunds and enter your exact borrower's full name and FHA case number to see if HUD owes you a partial refund after paying off your FHA mortgage.

Sales

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HIGHEST PRICE: \$950,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$894,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 29
LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,046,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$445,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$483,069

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST PRICE: \$455,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$677,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$555,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$560,464

VALLEJO

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$400,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$556,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$510,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$488,667

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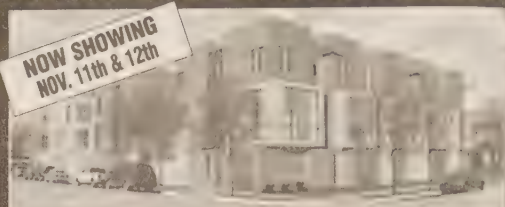
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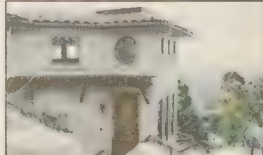
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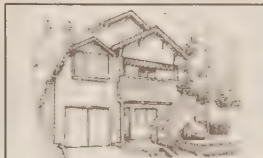
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Around the horn

Volleyball powers

Albany and St. Mary's have dominated their league in girls volleyball for over a decade. The Panthers have won the last two Bay Shore Athletic League titles, and Albany won the four BSAL titles before that. Before the 2000-2001 school year, both schools competed in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League. The Cougars were ACCAL champs from 1994-1999. St. Mary's started its varsity girls volleyball program in 1996.

— Phil Jensen

Big Game Luncheon at Alameda High

The third annual Big Game Luncheon will take place at Historic Alameda High School's Larry Patton Gym at noon on Nov. 10. The luncheon celebrates the annual Big Game between the football teams of Alameda and Encinal High Schools. This year's game is Nov. 10 at Thompson Field at 7 p.m. This year's luncheon honors the 1957 varsity letterman for both schools: Former pro quarterback and current Cal football announcer Lee Grosscup, who served as master of ceremonies. For more information, call 510-337-2320.

— Mike McGreehan

Reunited

The last time Shay Rollins faced Ron Williams, he was a senior for the Encinal High School girls basketball team and dropped 41 points in a 56-46 loss to the Williams, who was the coach at El Cerrito. Now almost two years later, the two reunited with Rollins, a sophomore guard at the University of San Francisco, scoring 16 points to help the Gators to a 91-61 exhibition win over San Francisco State on Nov. 1. Williams is in his first season as an assistant coach for the Gators. Rollins finished the game 6-of-8 from the field and had four rebounds and nine assists. Williams' daughter, Jordana Crain-Williams made her college debut for San Francisco State and finished 0-for-6 with one point in 17 minutes of play.

— Robert Jordan

On Deck

Bishop O'Dowd at HAAL championship. Boys' cross country, Nov. 12, Hayward High School, 10 a.m. — The Dragons' girls cross country team enters the league championship looking to defend its 2005 title. This year has been a bit of a struggle, as Castro Valley (8-0) and Arroyo (7-1) both enter with better records than the Dragons.

32-East Championship, girls volleyball. Nov. 11, 7 p.m. — Head-Royce, Berean, and College Prep all finished the season 1-1 but lost for the league lead, so it seems fitting that the Jayhawks and Eagles will compete for the league title on Saturday in Oakland.

BSAL playoff championship, girls volleyball. Nov. 11, 7 p.m. — No. 1 seed Albany and No. 2 seed St. Mary's hosted semifinal matches on Thursday. The results were not available at press time.

North Coast Section singles/doubles championships, girls tennis. First round, Nov. 14, 10 a.m. — BSAL singles champion Elena Pan of Albany and ACCAL singles champion Jennifer Lau of Alameda are among the players who qualified for the elite tournament.

Stars of the week

Matt Duffy, St. Mary's boys cross country. — Duffy won the BSAL championship race with a course-record time of 15 minutes, 11 seconds on the 2.95-mile course at Crab Cove in Alameda. He helped the Panthers take the team title.

Quavon Proctor, El Cerrito football. — The junior rushed for a game-high 232 yards on just 16 carries, including touchdown runs of 15 and 3 yards, as the Gauchos defeated De Anza 53-18.

Eric Roberson, Albany football. — Roberson scored the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter as the Cougars beat St. Mary's 36-33. Roberson rushed for 88 yards on 11 carries, sat out the rest of the second half with leg cramps before returning to score his second touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter.

Caroline Chao, Head-Royce girls tennis. — Chao reached the finals of the Bay Counties League-West by defeating College Prep's Mary Sawyer 2-6, 6-3, 6-1. Chao fell in the final to Lick's Elizabeth Anderson 6-1, 6-1.

Tyrell Randolph, Skyline football. — Randolph had a huge day against Fremont-Oakland on Nov. 4, catching six passes for 189 yards and two touchdowns.

Key Williams, College Prep girls volleyball. — Williams came out strong in the first set, helping the Panthers to a 25-12 victory over Berean Christian on Nov. 1. The win kept the Cougars in the hunt for the first place in the BCL-East at the end of the regular season.

Mike Kent, Piedmont girls cross country. — Kent finished second at the BSAL individual title with a time of 15:57, 57 seconds on the 2.95-mile course at Crab Cove in Alameda. Kent finished helped the Panthers win the team title with 52 points. The Highlanders and Albany shared the overall title between regular season and the championship results.

Mark Ceraldi, Piedmont boys cross country. — Ceraldi finished second at the BSAL championship with a time of 15:25 over the 2.95-mile course at Crab Cove in Alameda. The Highlanders finished second with 58 points, 20 points behind St. Mary's (38). The Panthers' Matt Brown won the race in 15:11.

ONE LAST GO-AROUND

Nakamura says he's retiring



GENE NAKAMURA, whose Berkeley teams won two state girls basketball titles, will retire after his 24th year on the bench.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

"I thought I was going to die. We came out and we ran a mile then we came in and he had us doing wall sits and then doing (line running drills). We didn't touch the ball for the first week and I was a freshman. I was like, 'what is he doing?' He is crazy."

— Senior Alexandria Mitchell, on her first practice with Nakamura as a freshman

"Nobody really wants to play them in the playoffs. No matter the record or rank, they are just incredible." "I think he is the forerunner of the explosion of popularity and popularity of the game."

— Miramonte coach Darrell Hirashima

"He will be missed. Give him credit for ushering in the first program. Any sport needs a foundation to grow off of and Gene was that. If you were a good team, you had to show you could play Berkeley."

— Bentley coach and former Campolindo and Acalanes assistant Clay Kallam

"He is a teacher. He will take you aside and help with it until you get it right. He is a loving coach. He really cares about you and wants you to do well."

— Coriel Davis, four-year starting point guard and 1999 Berkeley graduate

"I was really green, still shooting with two hands and he developed me into a great player."

— Shavaki Jackson, who played for Nakamura from 1994-97 and was the starting center on the 1997 state title team

NAKAMURA BY THE NUMBERS

■ **TENURE:** 1983-present

■ **CAREER WINS:** 536, sixth all time in state girls history

■ **CIF STATE APPEARANCES:** 1990 (lost to Morningside-Inglewood 67-56); 1991 (beat Morningside-Inglewood 76-50); 1997 (beat Crenshaw-LA 57-44); 1998 (lost to Narbonne-Harbor City 67-46, but later title vacated after Narbonne used an ineligible player); 2000 (lost to Narbonne-Harbor City 64-52); 2001 (lost to Narbonne-Harbor City 48-45); 2006 (lost to Long Beach Poly 54-34)

■ **CIF STATE TITLES:** 2 (1991, 1997)

■ **NORCAL TITLES:** 7 (1990, 91, 97, 98, 2000, 01, 06)

Coaching legend enters final year

By Robert Jordan
STAFF WRITER

Gene Nakamura started the first day of girls basketball practice on Monday the same way he has for the past 23 seasons — with plenty of running and fundamentals.

But this first day of practice was the last first day for the Berkeley High School coach.

Nakamura's 24th year will be his last as coach for the Yellow Jackets.

After 536 wins entering this season, two California Interscholastic Federation state championships and seven Northern California titles, Nakamura is retiring at the end of the season.

"My wife has been a basketball widow," Nakamura said. "I am not going to be 70 and still coaching. I have other interests. It's time for someone

else to come and take over the program."

For the past 30 or so years, Nakamura's primary interests have been children and basketball.

The 62-year-old Nakamura retired as vice principal from Longfellow Middle School in Berkeley in June after 30-plus years of work in the Berkeley school system.

He would have retired from coaching but promised this current class of seniors that he would stay until they graduated.

"I don't think (this being his last year) puts added pressure, but it gives us another reason to do well," said senior center Alexandria Mitchell, who has played for Nakamura since her freshman year. "To let him go out on a good note."

The Berkeley program has become synonymous with defense and winning. The Yellow Jackets' vaunted full-court defense set the tone for the rest of the Bay Area.

"Gene set the bar high," said Bentley coach Clay Kallam and founder of the online magazine www.fullcourt.com. "If you played him, you had to bring the ball up against pressure. You knew they were going to press you. That is what they do."

And as intimidating as Berkeley's defense is, Nakamura's first impression may be more overwhelming.

"I was so scared of him," said Coriel Davis, a four-year starter at point guard from 1995-99 and member of the 1997 state championship team. "It was Gene

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NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Is there someone connected with your high school team who works tirelessly behind the scenes but rarely receives credit?

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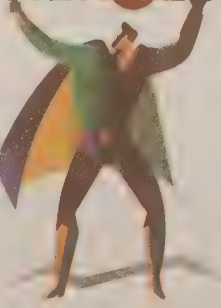
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Amador Valley	Carondelet	De Anza	Hercules	Mt. Diablo	Vincent
Antioch	Castro Valley	De La Salle	Heritage	Northgate	Salesian
Athenian	Benicia	Dublin	Holy Names	Piedmont	San Ramon Valley
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BERKELEY HIGH quarterback Mike Williams launches a pass against Alameda during the Yellow Jackets' 29-23 loss on Nov. 3 at Thompson Field.

Albany upsets St. Mary's for its first league victory

■ El Cerrito's offense rolls past De Anza in blowout victory; Berkeley can't hold on against Alameda

By Pete Elman
CORRESPONDENT

In an upset Saturday, underdog Albany came from behind to defeat host St. Mary's 36-33.

The Cougars (2-7, 1-3 Bay Shore Athletic League) trailed by 15 points in the third quarter, and it looked like the Panthers (4-5, 1-3) would coast to victory.

Cougars all-purpose halfback/safety/return man Eric Roberson sustained leg cramps on the first play of the second half and had sat out most of the half, but re-

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turned to score the winning touchdown on a 9-yard run with 3 minutes, 55 seconds remaining to complete the comeback.

"The kids earned this one," said an excited Albany coach Scott Shevelson after the game. "This win makes our season. I'm thrilled."

The Panthers initiated the scoring on a 34-yard pass from Matt Lombardi to tight end Justin Shields. The sophomore quarterback completed 7-of-13 passes for 119 yards and three touchdowns.

Albany responded on a 1-yard touchdown run by Roberson (11 rushes, 88

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St. Mary's captures its first BSAL cross country title

■ Panther junior Duffy wins the boys individual title with a course record

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

For years, the Piedmont High School boys cross country team defeated its St. Mary's counterparts.

The table appears to have turned. The Panthers beat the Highlanders in a dual meet on Sept. 28, then on Nov. 2, St. Mary's won its first Bay Shore Athletic League championship meet title in impressive fashion at Crab Cove in Alameda.

"As a program, as a whole, we're setting the bar higher and higher," said St. Mary's junior Matt Duffy, who won the boys individual title with a course-record time of 15 minutes, 11 seconds for the 2.95-mile course. "It feels good to prove we're the best

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team in the league."

The Panthers placed four runners in the top 10 and finished with a team score of 38. The Panthers' other scorers were Rob Riccardi (fifth, 15:53), Forrest Jordan (eighth, 16:10), Jeremy Kotin (10th, 16:26) and Kellen Asercion (14th, 16:39).

"They are a very good team. They have a chance to win a state championship this year," said Piedmont coach Doyle O'Regan about St. Mary's.

Piedmont, which had won every league championship meet team title since the BSAL was formed in 2000, was second with 58 points. Berkeley was third (83), followed by Albany (98). The Yellow Jackets' were paced by Charlie Enscoe's fourth-place finish in 15:44 and teammate Sebastian Schwelm was eighth

(16:10). Albany was led by Keegan Richerson (ninth, 16:26).

St. Mary's also won the overall BSAL boys title, since it finished first in the league round-robin season.

The Highlanders, behind a 1-2 finish by freshmen Jamie Kent and Erica Lauer, won the girls team title with 52 points. St. Mary's, which was paced by four underclassmen, was second with 61, followed by Alameda (76) and Albany (99). The Highlanders and Albany, the round-robin champion, share the overall BSAL girls team title.

In the boys race, there was a lead pack of five runners near the two-mile mark, but Duffy broke away in the final mile to claim the title.

"I knew that the race would be determined on the last mile, especially in a race like today," said Duffy, referring to the wet conditions. "During the race, I

felt out the pace and decided where to go."

Piedmont senior Mark Ceraldi, the two-time defending individual champion, was second in 15:25, followed by Alameda's Miguel Castro (15:35).

In the girls race, Kent and Lauer ran side-by-side near the two-mile mark with a seven-second gap on the second pack. Kent broke away from her teammate in the final quarter-mile and ended up edging Lauer for the win. Kent finished in 18:57, one second ahead of Lauer. Encinal's Luz Mejia was third (19:00).

St. Mary's was paced by sophomore Margot Sullivan, who placed fifth in 19:17. Panthers freshman Alex Choy and Taylor Lawson were also top-10 finishers. Choy was ninth in 19:29, and Lawson was 10th (19:43).

Berkeley was paced by Maura McDermott, who finished sixth in 19:22. Albany's top finisher was

Jackie Quinn in 12th place (19:51).

GIRLS GOLF

Northern California Golf Association/California Inter-scholastic Federation championships: Albany's Joy Kim finished in the top 15 individuals Monday. Kim shot a round of five-over 77 at Yolo Fliers Golf Course at Woodland. She tied for the second-best score by a North Coast Section athlete with Alameda's Emily Childs. Kennedy-Fremont's Diane Kwon shot a 75.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Albany d. Carondelet: The host Cougars received 14 kills from Jana Poole, nine kills from Nicky Hagan and 31 assists from Kaitlyn Giblin in a 27-25, 25-20, 25-19 win over Carondelet on Nov. 1.

Albany d. Kennedy: Pamela Ong passed for 10 assists and had four aces as the visiting Cougars finished the BSAL regular season with a 12-1 record as

it dispatched the Eagles 20-

25-19, 25-11 on Nov. 2. St. Mary's d. St. Elizabeth's 17-15, 25-10, 25-17 on Nov. 2 and finished the BSAL regular season with a 11-2 record.

Bishop O'Dowd d. St. Mary's: Despite 18 kills from Tara Grey, the visiting Panthers finished 15, 26-24, 25-20 to Bishop O'Dowd on Nov. 1.

Berkeley d. Alameda: Carver and Kelly Leggo combined for 23 kills as the low Jackets improved Alameda Contra Costa League record to 13-0 with 23, 25-17, 25-12 victory at Alameda on Tuesday.

Berkeley d. Encinal: The visiting Yellow Jackets dispatched their rivals 25-20, 25-21, 25-12 on Nov. 2 as Carver had 17 kills. Katie Cuan passed for 17

EAST BAY FOOTBALL SUPER POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	De La Salle	9-0	Spartans tested by Monte Vista, has Ygnacio Valley today
2.	Foothill	9-0	Dramatic win over San Ramon Valley gives Falcons automatic berth to NCS
3.	Deer Valley	9-0	Wolverines are 4A playoff bound after 33-19 win over Freedom
4.	Monte Vista	7-2	No rest for the weary: Mustangs hosted San Ramon Valley Thursday
5.	San Ramon Valley	8-1	On Thursday, Wolves looked to recover from devastating loss to Foothill
6.	Pittsburg	7-2	Averages last year's playoff loss with 21-3 win over San Leandro
7.	Amador Valley	7-2	Dons have scored 48 points or more in last two games
8.	Hayward	8-1	Will be going into 3A East Bay playoffs as No. 1 or 2 seed
9.	Pinole Valley	9-0	See: Hayward
10.	Freedom	6-3	Rough first quarter dooms Falcons in BVAL showdown with Deer Valley

11. McClymonds (5-2-1), 12. Mt. Eden (7-2), 13. College Park (8-1), 14. San Leandro (6-3), 15. Alhambra (8-1), 16. James Logan (7-2), 17. Miramonte (7-2), 18. Castlemont (7-2), 19. California (4-5), 20. El Cerrito (7-1-1).

Others receiving votes: Irvington (6-3), Alameda (6-3), Salesian (7-2), Castro Valley (7-2), Las Lomas (5-4). The East Bay Super Poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is compiled by the staffs of Contra Costa Newspapers and the Alameda Newspaper Group. Records are through Nov. 4.

THIS WEEK'S HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES

ACCAL

■ El Cerrito (7-1-1, 5-1 ACCAL) at Berkeley (4-5, 4-2), 1 p.m. Saturday

■ Last week: El Cerrito beat De Anza 53-18, Berkeley lost to Alameda 29-23

Notes: Gauchos junior Jaqueri Proctor burst onto the scene against De Anza, rushing for 232 yards and two touchdowns in his first varsity game. The Yellow Jackets amassed 447 yards of total offense against Alameda with Jamar Smith rushing

for 122 yards on just 12 carries.

BSAL

■ Albany (3-6, 1-3 BSAL) vs. Kennedy (0-9, 0-4) at Contra Costa College, 7:30 p.m. tonight

■ Last week: Albany beat St. Mary's 36-33, Kennedy lost to John Swett 21-5

Notes: The Cougars have scored touchdowns in eight of their last nine quarters. The Eagles limited a powerful John Swett running game to 106 yards. The Indians had been averaging

274 rushing yards a game

■ Piedmont (4-5, 3-1) at St. Mary's (4-5, 1-3), 2 p.m., Saturday

■ Last week: Piedmont lost to St. Patrick-St. Vincent 28-13, St. Mary's lost to Albany 36-33.

Notes: The Highlanders' defense gave up 383 rushing yards last week, including 332 yards after the first quarter. In the Panthers' five losses, they have given up an average of 48.8 points and have surrendered 50 or more points in three of those five losses.

Football

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yards, two touchdowns), and, after forcing St. Mary's to punt, Kevin Banks scored from the one to give the Cougars a 12-7 lead.

Lombardi hit league-leading receiver Lanny Kelly on second period scoring passes of 12 and 34 yards to give the Panthers a 20-12 lead at the half.

Panthers halfback Jeremy Allen had a big day, racking up 205 yards on 24 carries. He scored on a 10-yard run halfway through the third quarter and it looked like St. Mary's would put the game away.

With his team down 27-12, Cougar quarterback Ari Colby Dorman, who was 5-for-9 passing for 95 yards, hit Miles Olsen for a 52-yard scoring pass when his defender slipped. The Cougars ran in the two-point conversion to cut the margin to 27-20.

Shevelson, in his first year as a head coach, gambled and won as his special teams recovered the ensuing onside kick. Albany took a temporary 28-27 lead when gutsy tailback Arkan Razi (17 carries 64 yards) scored from the two and ran in the conversion.

The Panthers got the lead right back when Allen scored on a 3-yard run, setting up the Cougars' final drive.

On fourth and eight from the Panther 23, Colby Dorman scrambled for a first down to keep the drive alive, and three plays later Roberson, who had just re-entered the game, burst across the middle to give his team a 36-33 lead.

St. Mary's took the kickoff and drove to the Cougar 35, but a sack and a penalty set up a fourth-and-nine situation, and



DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

BERKELEY'S Clarence White, (20) and Anastacio Zamba (5) celebrate Zamba's first quarter touchdown against Alameda.

Lombardi's pass didn't find its mark. Colby kneeled three times and ran the clock out for Albany's first BSAL win of the year.

El Cerrito 53, De Anza 18: El Cerrito's potent offense continued to steamroll opponents, and the defense held the visiting Dons to negative yards rushing and only four first downs.

Two minutes into the game, De Anza (3-6, 2-4 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) had a 6-0 lead and had just recovered an onside kick. That woke up the Gauchos, who reeled off five straight touchdowns, each followed by two-point conversions, to take a 40-6 halftime lead.

El Cerrito (7-1-1, 5-1) was led by junior running back Jaqueri Proctor, who made the most of his first start this season by rushing for a game-high 232 yards and two touchdowns on 16 carries.

The Gauchos' Don Miguel Tass, in his last regular season

home game after an outstanding four-year career, completed nine passes for 191 yards and two touchdowns, the last one to Chris Moncrease covering 54 yards for the game's final score.

— Pete Elman, correspondent

Alameda 29, Berkeley 23: The host Hornets overcame a 16-point deficit and won the game when wide receiver Niko Aumua made a one-handed catch of a 30-yard touchdown pass with 2:07 to play.

Faced with a third-and-10 situation, Alameda quarterback Jeff Murphy received the shotgun snap, rolled to his left and heaved a high arching pass. Aumua reached up and cradled the ball to his body with his left hand, giving the Hornets (6-2, 4-2 ACCAL) the lead and sending the crowd into a frenzy.

On the ensuing Berkeley drive, Hornets defensive end Daniel DeWitt sacked Yellow Jackets quarterback Kenneth Adams on consecutive plays to seal the victory for the Hornets.

Berkeley's Jamar Smith rushed for a game-high 122 yards and a touchdown. Adams rushed for 60 yards on 12 carries for Berkeley (4-5, 4-2).

— Chris Nguon, MediaNews

WHAT'S HAPPENING

To submit an item to the What's Happening calendar, e-mail sports@cc-times.com to request a form. Put "What's Happening" in the subject line. Nonprofit organizations only. You may be asked to submit a copy of your 1099 or 501(c)(3) to verify nonprofit status. Entries are edited for content and are published as space is available.

BASEBALL

■ **Piedmont Baseball Foundation** — Registration for Piedmont residents through Nov. 15. Open registration Nov. 15-Dec. 2. www.piedmontbaseball.org.

■ **Tara Hills Baseball** — Sign-ups for 2007 season 6:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 15. For boys and girls ages 5-18. Montara Community Center, 2250 Tara Hills Dr., San Pablo. Contact: 510-724-2105, www.tarahillsbaseball.com.

■ **City of Richmond** — Candy Cane Classic Youth Basketball Tournament Dec. 28-30. Registration ongoing for 10U, 12U and 14U teams Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at 3230 Macdonald Ave., Richmond. \$150 per team. Contact: Jerry Anderson, 510-620-6904.

BASKETBALL

■ **Girls and Boys CYO Tournament** — 9 a.m. Nov. 14 and 15. Open to all CYO teams grades 9-8. Two-game guarantee. T-shirts for winners. Deer Valley High School, 4700 Lone Tree Way, Antioch. \$125 per team. Contact: 925-207-3741, lindsaylopez@antioch.k12.ca.us.

FUNDRAISER

■ **Crab Fest and Sports Auction** — 6 p.m.-midnight Nov. 10. Seventh annual event benefits the Biletinoff Foundation. Greg Papa, radio voice of the Oakland Raiders, will be master of ceremonies. Marriott at Bishop Ranch, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon. \$95. Contact: 925-556-2525, www.biletinoff.org.

■ **Ron Havemann Memorial T-Bird Scramble Golf Tournament** — 7:30 a.m. Nov. 13. Proceeds benefit Merritt College Boosters Club. Blackhawk Country Club, 589 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville. \$90-\$100. Contact: Fred Brown, 510-222-2654.

SOFTBALL

■ **Albany Berkeley Girls Softball League** — Clinic for beginning and experienced players 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 19. For girls in grades 1-9. Grove/Russell Field, Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Russell St., Berkeley. Contact: 510-869-4277, www.abgsl.org.

■ **Alameda Girls Softball Association** — Registration for Spring 2007 leagues 7-9 p.m. Nov. 14. For girls ages 5-14. Otis School, 3010 Filmore St., Alameda. \$105 for girls ages 6 and younger, \$125 for all others. Contact: www.alamedaislancers.com.

SWIMMING

■ **Junior Islanders** — Novice program ongoing. Three week program Tuesdays through Fridays. Encinal High School Swim Center, 3rd and Central, Alameda. Contact: linet@yahoo.com, www.alamedaislanders.org.

TRACK & FIELD

■ **Hilltop Speed Track Club** — Sign-ups for athletes ages 6-17 9-11 a.m. Nov. 18, 25 and Dec. 2. Pinole Valley High School, 2900 Pinole Valley Road. \$50. Contact: 510-828-3688.

JOB

■ **El Cerrito High School** — Looking for JV basketball coach. Contact: 510-525-0234 ext. 2645, gaustin48@aol.com.

■ **Antioch Little League** — Umpires wanted for baseball and softball. For information or appointment: 925-756-7920, questions@antiochlittleleague.com, www.antiochlittleleague.com.

■ **Concord High School** — Looking for swim coaches for the upcoming season. Contact: Laurie Cullenward, 925-768-6450, ecully@cabell.net.

■ **Berean Christian High School** — Openings for an assistant varsity boys soccer coach and assistant freshman boys and JV girls basketball coaches. Must be in agreement with Berean's Statement of Faith. Contact: Craig Lee, 925-845-6464 ext. 25, coachee@aol.com, www.berean-eagles.org.

■ **Clayton Valley High School** — Seeking applications for a girls' varsity basketball coach to start immediately and assistant track and field coaches to start in February. Send resume to Pat Middendorf, PM258@aol.com.

■ **De Anza High School** — In the following baseball coaches' assistants, JV head coach and JV assistants. Contact: Mark Whelan, mlan999@sbcglobal.net.

■ **Pinole Valley High School** — Looking for boys varsity and JV basketball coaches. Fax resumes to 510-788-1788. Contact: Jeff Wright, 510-821-2818.

■ **Concord High School** — Open for head freshman and JV basketball coaches. Send resumes to concordbaseball@hotmail.com.

Nakamura

FROM PAGE C1

Nakamura the Berkeley coach who had won a state championship. He seemed like a drill sergeant."

Monday wasn't any different.

Between checking players' paperwork and parent signature forms, Nakamura had his long-time assistant coaching staff put the players through a variety of drills that were all based on fundamentals and were all done

without a ball.

"He was intense and was harder than the boys playing," he treated the girls like ball players," said assistant coach Chris Hope, who joined Nakamura's staff in the 1990-1991 season.

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PLAYING

PLAYING: On vacation, an American (Blanchett) is shot by a pair of... boys looking around with a... husband (Brad Pitt) tries to... her alive while in California... (Monica Barza) opts to take... children across the border... miss her son's wedding... in a seemingly unrelated sub... in Tokyo, a sexually rebellious... teenager (Rinko Kikuchi)... seeks attention. Director... Gonzalez Inarritu ("Amores...") expertly weaves all this to... beautiful effect. Masterful... — M. Pols. (R) for vio-... graphic nudity, sexual... language and some drug... 2 hours, 22 minutes. A

BRIDGE: Sacha Baron Cohen... his naïve Kazakhstan... documentary "On America... on a cross country... overing out racists, chauvin-... overing out racists, chauvin-... realize they're on candid... It's quite crude and funny... Baron Cohen's naive slapstick... plump producer is glo-... he relies on the dumbness... for his comedy and... it gets a little depressing... all these dummies. — M... for pervasive strong crude... content including graphic... language.) 1 hr, 22 min-... A

BRIDGE: Inspired by a New... place on the popularity of... Gate Bridge as a suicide site... filmmaker Eric Steel set... of the Golden Gate... and spent a year observing... of this results were graded on... of how much they make us... about the human condition... high. But Steel's visuals of... and death amount to a snuff... rather than deepening our... they represent the... of our spectator culture... are not recommendable... conscience. — M. Pols. (R... content involving vul-... and some language.) 1 hour, 33... A

CHICK FIRE: Derek Luke plays... O'Grady, a real-life foreman... South African refinery. It's 1980... the political Chumusso has... can go as a black man in... Africa can have it. But when... sabotage the refinery... is hailed in as a suspect... successful tale follows one... radicalization and eventual... through hatred to forgiveness... (PG-13). Thematic material... torture and abuse, violence... language.) 1 hour, 41 min-... A

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD:... Donald Walsch's journey from... to author of the best-... "Conversations with God"... drama, dreams, and... at the end. The... is in waiting for Walsch... (Zamy) to hear God's voice... that, a well-acted, well-pho-... low-budget example of... that will make a decent... — B. Caine. (PG: some... language and... of content.) 1 hour, 49 minutes.

OF A PRESIDENT: A faux... documentary about President Bush... in fall 2007. The sub-... is scandalous, but the... might not merit the stink it's... thoughtful and cleverly wo-... using real footage of... and Cheney, but once you... the silliness of the enter-... or if you can — it plays out... typical detective stories on... following the classic pat-... of "Law & Order," event, inves-... and herring and a quasi-reso-... leaves you with sense that... might quite right. — M. Pols. (R) (visual images.) 1 hour, 30... A

FROM EVIL: A shat-... documentary about convicted... priest Oliver O'Grady and... and women he terrorized as... in Northern California in the... and 1980s. Remarkably, direc-... Gervig convinced the seem-... O'Grady to talk on... which allows us to under-... how easily entire families were... and abused by him. She... a convincing case for the... of O'Grady's superiors, in-... Cardinal Roger Mahoney... convinced him during part of... he was abusing children. —... (NR) 1 hour, 41 minutes. A-

DEPARTED: Martin Scorsese... his latest picture in years... from the clever 2002 Hong... drama "Infernal Affairs,"... "Departed" is a cat's cradle of... violence brought to life by a terrific... including Leonardo Di-... and Nicholson and Matt Da-... convinced by a crude mob boss... that he was a boy. Colin... (Ramón) joins a special... recruits police unit whose... being Costello down... their own mole (DiCaprio)... the kingpin's outfit. The pic-... pretty but it is compelling... many places, very funny. —... R. Strong brutal violence... language, some sexual... and drug material.) 2 hours, ... A

LOVE OF THE MONTH: Two... Dave Cook and Dax Shepard... a gorgeous cashier (Jes-... person who only dates em-... the month. Except for... Dave Cook, who manages... as likable enough, every-

one else involved belongs in the un-employment line. — D. Germain. (PG-13: crude and sexual humor, language.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. D

"FANFAN LA TULIPE": The 1952 French spoof is quite blend of sex farce and military satire. The restored comedy is a likable piece of fluff. Fanfan (Gerard Philipe) takes Adeline's (Gina Lollobrigida) suggestion and enlists in the army. Masquerading as a fortune teller, she tells him that if he becomes a soldier, he will marry the king's daughter. When Fanfan discovers Adeline is the recruiter's daughter and it's all a hustle, he determines to make her predictions come true. — B. Caine. (NR: In French with English subtitles.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B-

"SI BIRCH STREET": In this moving and fascinating documentary, the lives of his filmmaker Doug Block's parents, Mike and Mina, in outline, seem so typical as to be almost indistinguishable from those of countless other Americans of their generation. But Block's film confirms what the best novelists know: that marriage, among the most common of human arrangements, is also among the most complex and mysterious. — A.O. Scott. (NR: for profanity, violence.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. A

"FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS": After watching the World War II drama, it becomes impossible to look at the iconic photo of soldiers raising the flag on Iwo Jima without seeing behind the image. Based on a book by James Bradley, the film portrays the first battle fought on Japanese territory, its prelude and its aftermath. The movie relates the fate of the six soldiers, focusing on the three who survived the battle. The nonlinear story-telling leap-frog between the present and the past, always revisiting the combat that left nearly 7,000 Americans dead. — B. Caine. (R: graphic scenes of battlefield violence.) 2 hours, 11 minutes. A

"FLICKA": Today's new version is a swell retelling of the Mary O'Hara book that became a 1943 film and 1956 television series. At the heart of the tale is Kate (Alison Lohman), a confused teen struggling to reconcile what her parents want her to be and what she longs to become. When she discovers a wild mustang in the woods, she is determined to bring it back and tame it despite the objections of her intimidating dad (Tim McGraw). — N. Churnin. (PG: some mild language.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. B

"FLUSHED AWAY": The computer animated story has Roddy, a pampered pet rat from a swanky London mansion, plunging down a toilet. He lands in a vast metropolis tucked away in the sewer system deep beneath the city. Roddy does Bob Hope's klutzy-coward shtick until he jells with Rita, a tough, independent ship's captain who steals a ruby from the villain known as The Toad. B. Caine. (PG: crude humor and some language.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. B-

"THE GRUDGE 2": In this horror movie sequel, the origins of the curse that dwells within that dark, secluded house are explained. But now the haunted themselves seem to have the ability to be everywhere at once. Aubrey Davis (Amber Tamblyn) is the plucky heroine in distress who goes to Japan to find her older sister (Sarah Michelle Gellar) in a cameo appearance. At the same time, bad things ensue for several other characters in Tokyo and Chicago. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: mature thematic material, disturbing images, terror, violence and some sensuality.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C-

"THE GUARDIAN": Eager recruits vie to join the elite Coast Guard Reserve Swimmers. If you're looking for something new in a story about swimming, don't hold your breath. Ashton Kutcher is Jake Fischer, the immature kid with potential and something to prove. Kevin Costner portrays Ben Randall, his no-nonsense instructor. Despite the predictability, the picture differs from its predecessors by sustaining its intensity and bookending its cliches with exciting action sequences that justify the harsh training. — B. Caine. (PG-13: intense sequences of action/peril, brief strong language and some sensuality.) 2 hours, 19 minutes. B

"HALF NELSON": Ryan Gosling is a teacher in a run down Brooklyn middle school. He knows how to inspire his students, but his own life is a disaster; he sneaks into a school bathroom to smoke crack. When one of his students (Shareeka Epps, watchful, wary and very good) catches him, a strange but real friendship springs up between them. In the end, we're not sure who is nurturing whom. Gosling gives such a naturalistic performance you find yourself still worrying about his character after the movie ends. — M. Pols. (R: drug content throughout, language and some sexual content.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. A-

"THE ILLUSIONIST": Edward Norton plays a master magician in turn-of-the-century Vienna, and he's so good you almost believe he can make an orange tree grow from a seed in less than a minute. Jessica Biel is the noblewoman he loves, Rufus Sewell his arch nemesis, and Paul Giamatti is a detective but, more important, the only other actor on screen who can hold his own against Norton the Magificent. Together, they elevate the material, which is good but not great. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexuality and violence.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B

"JACKASS NUMBER TWO": The fellows (Johnny Knoxville, Steve-O, et al.) from "Jackass" are back with another freak show/profane exam and would-be snuff film, designed to bring

OPENING THIS WEEKEND

"A GOOD YEAR": A London financier (Russell Crowe) moves to Provence to start an inherited vineyard and discovers a new life. Based on the book by Peter Mayle. Also starring Albert Finney, Marion Cotillard, Abbie Cornish, Tom Hiddleston and Freddie Highmore. (PG-13)

"COCAINE COWBOYS": A documentary about Miami in the 1980s, when Colombian cocaine barons invaded the city with a brand of violence unseen in this country since Prohibition-era Chicago. The film reveals how Miami became the drug, murder and cash capital of the United States, told by the people who were there. (R)

"COPYING BEETHOVEN": Ed Harris follows his role as Jackson Pollock by tackling another historical figure — this time playing celebrated composer Ludwig Van Beethoven in a fictional imagining of the last year of his life. Also starring Diane Kruger as his love interest. (PG-13)

"HARSH TIMES": From the creator of "Training Day," this film stars Christian Bale as an ex-Army Ranger cruising the streets of South Central Los Angeles with his best friend (Freddy Rodriguez) and slipping back into a life of crime. Also

starring Eva Longoria. (R)

"IRAQ IN FRAGMENTS": This documentary illuminates post-war Iraq in three acts. A fatherless 11-year-old is apprenticed to the domineering owner of a Baghdad garage; Sadr followers in two Shiite cities rally for regional elections while enforcing Islamic law at the point of a gun; a family of Kurdish farmers welcomes the U.S. presence. (NR)

"SLEEPING DOGS LIE": An impulsive sexual encounter from her past haunts Amy, an otherwise seemingly normal young woman. When her fiancé, John, suggests they tell each other their darkest secrets, she reveals her secret, and quickly regrets it. (R)

"STRANGER THAN FICTION": Emma Thompson plays a novelist in this slightly surreal comedy about a writer struggling to kill off her main character, Harold Crick (Will Ferrell), who, it turns out, is a real man. Also starring Dustin Hoffman, Queen Latifah and Maggie Gyllenhaal. (PG-13)

"THE RETURN": Sarah Michelle Gellar plays a young woman determined to learn the truth behind the increasingly terrifying supernatural visions that have been haunting her. (PG-13)

out the inner Stooie in all of us. It's all about bad taste and shocks and the extremes people will go to become famous. The film is grosser, more dangerous, more bloody and even less concerned with the things that make a "movie" than the original. — R. Moore. (R: extremely crude and dangerous stunts throughout, sexual content, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. D

"JESUS CAMP": Liberals (or folks who believe in the separation of church and state) will find this film alarming. Members of the religious right may find themselves saying "Amen!" "Jesus Camp" follows three Missouri youths to a Christian camp in North Dakota that serves as ROTC training for God's army. Employing a cinema verite style, the filmmakers do a remarkable job of presenting this polarizing material without editorializing. — R. Butler. (PG-13: some discussions of mature subject matter.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B

"JONESTOWN": A thoughtful documentary about Jim Jones' People's Temple, from its rapid growth in the early 70s to its end in mass suicide in Guyana 1978. Director Stanley Nelson has come up with archival footage we haven't seen before, and paired with interviews with former members, we get a compelling picture of what made the church so successful. His handling of the cult's last two days is particularly riveting. But Jones himself remains an elusive figure. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hr, 26 minutes. B

"THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND": This quietly enjoyable fiction film, based on the novel by Giles Foden, creates a portrait of famous and brutal Victorian dictator Idi Amin from inside the palace walls. Furiously paced with excellent performances by Forest Whitaker (Amin) and James McAvoy as the foolish Scotsman who becomes the leader's personal physician, the film has texture, if not depth, and enough intelligence to almost persuade you that it actually has something of note to say. — M. Dargis. (R: some strong violence and gruesome images, sexual content)

"LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE": An alienated family — deluded and egotistical father, frustrated mother, suicidal uncle, anarchist son and drug abusing grandfather — come together during a two-day road trip to a beauty pageant for little girls. A top-notch ensemble cast is led by Greg Kinnear and Steve Carell. — M. Pols. (R: some language, sex and drug content.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. A-

"MAN OF THE YEAR": The sharpest political satires know where they're going and how they plan to get there. "Man of the Year" knows where it wants to go but loses its footing on the way. Robin Williams plays a cable-show host elected president because of a computer error. — B. Caine. (PG-13: crude sexual references, drug-related material and brief violence.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. C+

"MARIE ANTOINETTE": Sofia Coppola gives us history as imagined by a smart seventh-grader, dreamy, romantic and as stylish as a fashion magazine. It's harmless, she's only interested in empathy; what was it like to be Marie Antoinette (the lovely Kirsten Dunst) Queen of France? A little lonely apparently, but she still loads of fun and you can't beat the shoes or the setting (Coppola shot much of this at Versailles). The movie is so shallow that you question Coppola's intellect. But there are scenes you can't shake, and certainly, this is a conversation piece. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content, partial nudity and innuendo.) 2 hours, 3 minutes. B-

"THE MARINE": WWE grappler John Cena takes on the role of action hero John Triton, an ex-Marine who's been drummed out of the service because he acted single-handedly to save three fellow warriors from barbaric al-Qaida terrorists. Back in the States, just as he's starting a new life, John's wife is taken hostage by a vicious gang of diamond thieves. What follows is a long relentless pursuit with lots of hand-to-hand combat and big explosions. — D. Hiltbrand. (PG-13)

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change.

Wheelchair Accessible
Showtimes for Friday November 10

Alameda County
Albany Twin
5614 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-457-4282
•Babel (R) 11:15, 12:40, 2:30, 4:05, 5:40, 7:15, 9, 10:30
•Catch a Fire (PG-13) 11:25, 2:00, 4:40, 7, 9:30
•The Departed (R) 11:55, 1:10, 3:20, 4:30, 6:40, 8, 10:05, 11:15
•Flags of Our Fathers (R) 12:30, 3:40, 6:50, 9:45
•Flushed Away (PG) 11:45, 1, 2:05, 3:10, 4:15, 5:25, 6:35, 7:55, 8:50, 10, 11:05
•A Good Year (PG-13) 11:20, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15
•Harsh Times (R) 11:50, 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:55
•The Illusionist (PG) 11:40, 2:35, 5, 10, 8, 10
•Man of the Year (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10:40
•Marie Antoinette (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:20
•The Queen (PG-13) 11:25, 2, 4:25, 7:05, 9:35
•Running With Scissors (R) 12:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:25
•Saw III (R) 1:15, 3:55, 6:45, 9:15, 10:45

AMC Bay Street 16
5614 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-457-4282
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•Saw III (R) 1:15, 3:55, 6:45, 9:15, 10:45

California Theatre
2113 Kirtland St., Berkeley 510-464-5980
•Babel (R) 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10
•The Last King of Scotland (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 9:40

Chabot Cinema
2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 510-582-2555
•The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (G) 11:45, 2, 4:15, 6:45, 8:55

Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300
•Comic Voyage (Not Rated) 1:30, 8:15
•Forces of Nature (Not Rated) 2:30
•The Human Body (Not Rated) 4
•The Living Sea (Not Rated) 12:7

Elmwood 3
2966 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530
•Color of the Cross (PG-13) 5:20, 7:15, 9:10
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 7:05
•Jesus Camp (PG-13) 5:15, 9:15
•Jostitus (Not Rated) 5, 7, 9
•The Last King of Scotland (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 9:40

Renaissance Grand Lake
3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3555
•The Departed (R) 12:15, 3:30, 7:05, 10
•Flushed Away (PG) 12:10, 4, 6, 7:45, 9:55
•The Prestige (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7, 9:35
•Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45

Oaks Theatre
1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1836
•Catch a Fire (PG-13) 2:15, 7:30
•A Good Year (PG-13) 2, 5, 7:45
•One Night with the King (PG) 4:45

Parkway Speakeasy Theater
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2100
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 9:45
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 9:45
•The Science of Sleep (R) 7
•Shutout (Not Rated) 6:30

Piedmont Theatre
4186 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-464-5880
•Babel (R) 12:30, 3:30, 7, 10
•The Queen (PG-13) 1:15, 2:15, 3:45, 4:45, 6:15, 7:15, 8:30, 9:30

Regal Jack London
100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320
•Borat (R) 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
•Catch a Fire (PG-13) 11:50, 2:10, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50
•The Departed (R) 12, 3:20, 6:45, 10
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•Harsh Times (R) 1, 4:20, 7:10, 10
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•Saw III (R) 12:30, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:30
•Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13) 11:45, 2:20, 5, 7:45, 10:20

Shattuck Cinemas
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-464-5980
•A Clockwork Orange (R) 12
•The Departed (R) 3:10, 6:40, 9:40
•Harsh Times (R) 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50
•Iraq in Fragments (Not Rated) 2:30, 5, 7:20, 10
•Jonestown: The Life and Death of Peoples Temple (Not Rated) 1:50, 6:10, 10
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 12:00, 4:50, 7:25, 9:55
•The Prestige (PG-13) 1:15, 4, 6:50, 9:45
•Running With Scissors (R) 12:00, 4:10, 6:55, 9:35
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•The Science of Sleep (R) 4:05, 8:40
•Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13) 1, 2, 3:30, 4:30, 6, 7, 8:30, 9:30

United Artists Berkeley 7
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-486-1852
•Borat (R) 11:30, 12:30, 1:40, 2:40, 3:50, 4:50, 5:55, 7, 8, 9:15, 10:10, 11:15
•Flushed Away (PG) 11:15, 1:30, 3:30, 5:40, 7:45, 9:50
•Man of the Year (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45
•Marie Antoinette (PG) 12:30, 2, 4:40, 7:20, 10, 12
•The Return (PG-13) 11, 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45, 12
•Saw III (R) 11:10, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30

United Artists Emery Bay
6300 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0107
•Borat (R) 11:45, 12:40, 2, 3, 4:10, 5:15, 7, 7:50, 9:30, 10:30, 11:10
•The Grudge 2 (PG-13) 7:50, 10:20
•One Night with the King (PG) 1:15, 4, 7:20, 10:10
•The Prestige (PG-13) 12:30, 3:20, 7:15, 10:15
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San Francisco
AMC Loews Metreon 15
101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-389-6201
•Flushed Away (PG) 10:25, 11:40, 1:40, 1:05, 2:25, 2:50, 3:40, 5:10, 5:10, 6:35, 7:35, 7:35, 9, 10, 12:20, 12:20
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•Marie Antoinette (PG-13) 10:40, 1:35, 4:35, 7:40, 10:35
•Open Season: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) 12, 2:30, 4:30, 6:50, 9:20
•The Prestige (PG-13) 11:05, 2:05, 5:05, 8:25, 11:45
•The Return (PG-13) 11:45, 2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30, 12
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•Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13) 10:30, 11:30, 1:15, 2:15, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9:45, 11, 12:25
•Supernatural: Return: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) 11:20
•Tim Burton's Nightmare Before Christmas 3-D (PG) 10:20, 12:45, 3:05, 5:45, 8:15, 10:25, 12:30

AMC Van Ness 14
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
•Babel (R) 12:30, 4:05, 7:20, 10:35
•Borat (R) 10:30, 11, 12, 12:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:40, 5:40, 7, 8, 9:25, 10:15, 11:30
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13: for profanity, violence.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. C

"OPEN SEASON": Funny characters voiced by funny actors do the silliest things in this table-turning farce from the director of "The Lion King." "Open Season" is a riotously rude romp through that elemental animal dilemma — how to survive hunting season. This very basic animal concern meets up with the old "fish out of water" formula. Boog, a coddled grizzly (Martin Lawrence), and his deer friend Elliot (Ashton Kutcher) have no wilderness skills but must rally the animal kingdom for the coming war with hunters. — R. Moore. (PG: some rude humor, mild action and brief language.) 1 hour, 29 minutes. B+

"THE PRESTIGE": Hugh Jackman and Christian Bale star in this period tale of a blood feud between two rival magicians. The plot involves a rivalry gone overboard, following ruthless attempts by former comrades to upstage, discredit and even maim each other. The two men once were up-and-comers together in an act overseen by their mentor (Michael Caine). Tragedy sets the two magicians on a fury of escalating vengeance. — D. Germain. (PG-13: violence and disturbing images.) 2 hours, 10 minutes. C

"THE QUEEN": Director Stephen Frears' frisky and provocative imagining of palace life in the week after Princess Diana died. This is tabloid voyeurism "Masterpiece Theatre" style, naughty, funny and surprisingly touching. Helen Mirren is Oscar-worthy as Queen Elizabeth, and Michael Sheen does a fabulous Tony Blair. But the movie's greatest strength might be what it ultimately reveals about us and our desire to go backstage in the lives of the rich and famous. — M. Pols. (PG-13: brief strong language.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. A-

"RUNNING WITH SCISSORS": Based on Augusten Burroughs' best-selling memoir about his adolescence. Annette Bening is his unstable mother, Brian Cox her unethical and seemingly deranged shrink, who adopts Augusten (the bland Joseph Cross) when his mother gives him up. Director Ryan Murphy tries to defuse Augusten's tragic family life with black comedy, but his chemistry is all wrong; the film is neither moving, nor funny. It's just irritatingly zany. Bening is deliciously unhinged, but it's Jill Clayburgh, in a smaller role, who touches us. — M. Pols. (R: strong language and elements of sexuality, violence and drug use.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. C

"THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE": While juggling family responsibilities, Santa (Tim Allen) tries to stop ambitious Jack Frost (Martin Short) from taking over Christmas. Despite the reliable cast, good production values and the success of the two prior "Clauses," this sequel is simply a big lump of holiday coal. (G.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. D

"SAW III": In the excruciating final installment, Jigsaw, the murderous judge and executioner, is on his last legs. He and his sidekick seize a doctor and her husband and put the husband through a murderous series of tests of compassion. He must show growth, as a man, in every step, or his wife dies. — R. Moore. (R: strong grisly violence and gore, sequences of terror and torture, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. C

"THE SCIENCE OF SLEEP": An aggravating, semi-biographical film from writer/director Michel Gondry. A young man (Gael Garcia Bernal) returns to his childhood home in Paris, takes a lousy job at a calendar company and develops crushes on a couple of girls, including the one (Charlotte Gainsbourg) who lives in the apartment across the hall from him. But mostly, he dreams, and while some of the surreal touches from his dreams are fun to look at, ultimately the movie lacks an emotional entry point. — M. Pols. (R: language, some sexual content and nudity.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. C-

"SHORTBUS": Sex is easy in the world of John Cameron Mitchell's "Shortbus," where the deed is as explicit as many hard-core porn flicks. It's the emotional connection that is tough to come by. The film is not pornography, though some may call it porn with a better narrative disguise. The characters are genuine and likable, and despite their lusty alternative lifestyles, their problems and perplexities are familiar. — D. Germain. (NR: scenes of explicit sex.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. B+

"TIDELAND": Wretched drama about a little girl (Jodelle Ferland) who escapes into her mind after her junkie mother (Jennifer Tilly) overdoses, her junkie dad (Jeff Bridges) whisks her to her late grandmother's remote, dilapidated home, and also overdoses. She spends most of the film talking with the heads of four disembodied dolls and cuddling with her father's corpse. Not for any tastes. What was director Terry Gilliam thinking? — B. Caine. (R: bizarre and disturbing content, including drug use, sexuality, and gruesome situations — all involving a child, and some language.) 2 hours. D-

"THE U.S. VS. JOHN LENNON": Despite some cheesy graphics, this documentary by David Laaf and John Scheinfeld about the government's obsession with the late Beatle's political activism reveals the soul and essence of John the thoughtful musician, loving husband and devoted father. The impressive list of '60s icons represented includes Angela Davis, Bobby Seale, Ron Kovic, Noam Chomsky and Gore Vidal. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some strong language, violent images, drug references.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. B+

Events

COMEDY

Pyramid Alehouse, Berkeley — "Unfiltered Comedy with Oui Be Negroes," Ongoing. The San Francisco Improv Alliance presents this weekly evening of comedy, improv and theater. Thursdays, 8 p.m. \$10-\$15. www.improvalliance.org. "Unfiltered Comedy with SPF7," Ongoing. The San Francisco Improv Alliance presents this weekly evening of comedy, improv and theater. Sunday, 6 p.m. \$10-\$15 www.improvalliance.org. 901 Gillman St., Berkeley.

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La Pena Cultural Center — Froh-teras Flamencas, Nov. 11, 8 p.m. An evening of live flamenco music and dance. \$18-\$20. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568. www.lapena.org.

Malongo Casquelord Center — "The African Dance and Drum Festival," through Nov. 12. The five-day event features 25 instructional classes, an authentic African marketplace and a Sabar party with drummers and a DJ. Featured dancers and instructors include Olsen Soumah, Aziz Faye, Youssouf Koumbassa and Kissima Diabate. Wednesday-Friday, 5:30-9 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.: "Authentic African Market and Sabar Party" At Shattuck Down Low, 2284 Shattuck Ave. \$5-\$10. \$13-\$15 per class. www.celebratecalifornia.com. AXIS Dance Company, Nov. 10 through Nov. 12. The program will feature the world premiere of Margaret Jenkins' "Waypoint," as well as Victoria Marks' "Dancing to Music," Katie Faulkner's "Decorum," and Sean McMahon's "5600." Friday-Sat-

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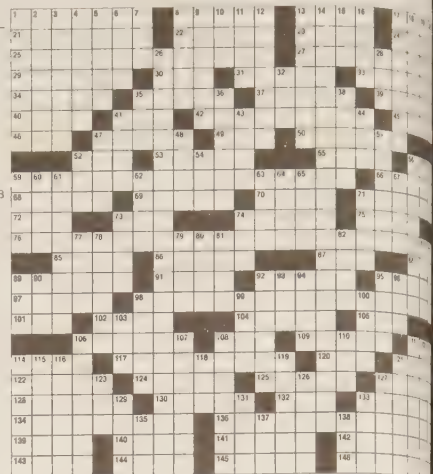
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Oakland Metro — Electric Vardo Presents "Shadowdance," Nov. 10, 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Performers from around the country will present gothic and tribal belly dancing, global gypsy beats, live Eastern percussion and innovative movie telling. \$10-\$15. 415-259-8629. www.darkstill.com. 201 Broadway, Jack London Square, Oakland. 510-763-1146, 415-608-1116, 510-763-1146, <http://www.oakland-metro.org>.

Shattuck Down Low — "Live Salsa," Ongoing. An evening of dancing to the music of a live salsa band. The night opens with beginning lessons at 8 p.m. and intermediate lessons at 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. \$5-\$10. For ages 21 and older.

2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-548-1159. www.shattuckdownlow.com.

Starry Plough Pub — "Ceili and Dance," Ongoing. Traditional Irish music and dance. The evening begins with dance lesson at 7 p.m. followed by music at 9 p.m. Mondays, 7 p.m. Free. For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082. www.starry-ploughpub.com.

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924 Gilman St. — All ages welcome. Lights Out. Have Heart. Go It Alone, Sinking Ships, Lion of Judah, Times Up, Nov. 10, 7 p.m. Aggression,

Verbal Abuse, The Sick, Troublemaker, Psycho 78, Nov. 11. Jason Webley, Jherik and Alex Sprouts, The Pasties, Shakey Bones, 1-2-3 Not It!, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Shows start Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9926. www.924gilman.org.

Albatross Pub — Whiskey Brothers, Ongoing. Old-time and bluegrass. First and third Wednesdays of every month. Free. Shows begin Wednesday, 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2473. www.albatrosspub.com.

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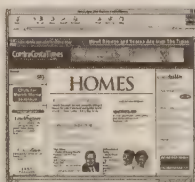
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■ **Starry Plough Pub** — The Starry Irish Music Session led by Shay Black, Ongoing. Sundays, 8 p.m. Sliding scale. For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082, www.starry-ploughpub.com.

■ **Yoshi's** — Cedar Walton Trio, Steve Turre and Vincent Herring, Nov. 12, 12:15-2:45. Frankie Kelly, Nov. 13, 8 p.m. A tribute to Shirley Kelly. \$6-\$12. Frank Jackson, Nov. 14, 6-8:12. Tito Y. Su De La Cuba, Nov. 15, 10:15-11:30. Hubert Laws, Nov. 16 through Nov. 19, 9:14-12:26. Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 7 and 9 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200, www.yoshis.com.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

■ **Allen Temple Baptist Church** — Oakland Youth Orchestra, Nov. 12, 3 p.m. Michael Morgan and Bryan Nies conducting. The program will include works of Arcangelo Corelli, William Boyce, Sergei Prokofiev and Aaron Copland. \$8-\$12. 8501 International Blvd., Oakland.

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■ **Hertz Hall At The University of California, Berkeley** — "The 54th Annual Noon Concert Series," Dec. 6, 12:15-1 p.m. Nov. 15: "Sounds in Jazz." UC Berkeley Professor and pianist/composer Myra Melford leads student performers and special guests in a concert of jazz improvisation. Free. <http://class.csueastbay.edu/music>. "Composer Portrait: John Zorn," Nov. 12, 3 p.m. Soloists and ensembles of international standing perform works of John Zorn. Presented by Cal Performances. \$32. www.calperfs.berkeley.edu. UC Berkeley campus, Bancroft Way and College Avenue.

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■ **Music Sources** — Mahan Esfahani, Harpsichord, Nov. 12, 5 p.m. The program will include a selection of sonatas by Scarlatti as well as music by Luigi Boccherini. Learn about MusicSources and its historic instruments at a reception following the concert. \$15-\$18. Flauti Diversi, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. The chamber ensemble presents "Classical Rhapsody," a program of quartets by Back and Mozart for flute, strings and harpsichord. \$15-\$18. Alan Curtis, harpsichord, Nov. 19, 5:30 p.m. An all-Bach program. \$15-\$18. 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. 510-528-1685.

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■ **Regent's Theatre** — Amadi Hummings, violin, Wendy Law, cello, Nov. 12, 4 p.m. The program will include works of Perkinson, Lutoslawski, Piazzolla, Beethoven and others. Presented by Four Seasons Concerts. \$35-\$40. 510-601-7919, www.fourseasonsconcerts.com. Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland.

■ **St. John's Presbyterian Church** — The San Francisco Early Music Society Presents Fretwork, Nov. 11, 8 p.m. Featuring viol players Wendy Gillespie, Asako Morikawa, Richard Campbell, Richard Tunnicliffe and Richard Boothby. The program, titled "L'Dor Va Dor," features 16th- and 17th-century music by Jewish composers in the English court. \$22-\$25. 510-528-1725, www.stjohns.org. Sandra Soderlund, Nov. 19, 4 p.m. The keyboardist will perform works of William Byrd, Orlando Gibbons, John Bull, Dietrich Buxtehude, Jan Pieterzoon Sweelinck, Pierre de Mage and J.S. Bach. \$5-\$15 donation. 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-6830, www.stjohns.presbychurch.net.

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International Taiko Festival," Nov. 18, 7 p.m. Grand Master Seichi Tanaka, San Francisco Taiko Dojo and special guest artists will storm the stage and thrill audiences with performances of traditional and contemporary rhythms, dance and martial arts. \$32-\$46. 510-642-9988, www.calperfs.berkeley.edu. UC Berkeley campus, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley.

HIGHLIGHTS

■ **"The 10th Annual International Latino Film Festival,"** — through Nov. 17. The festival showcases the best in new international Latino cinema, recognizes emerging talent and pays tribute to celebrated Latino actors, directors and producers. This year's 16-day event features some 80 films screened at 17 venues in 9 cities throughout the Bay Area. East Bay venues include Grand Lake Theatre, 3200 Grand Lake Ave., Oakland; University of California, Berkeley, 159 Mulford Hall, Berkeley; and La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Refer to Web site for detailed schedule. \$6-\$10. 415-392-4400, www.latnofilmfestival.org.

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■ **Oakland Arena** — Dixie Chicks, Nov. 17, 8 p.m. \$47.25-\$71.25. Hegenberger Road and Interstate 880, Oakland. 510-762-2277, 925-762-2277, 415-478-2277, www.theoaklandarena.com.

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■ **Z Caff And Bar** — "The 4th Annual Black & White (&/or Red) Ball," Nov. 18, 6-11:30 p.m. The evening includes cocktails, a dance lesson, dinner and 1940s ballroom, swing and Latin music by the 18-piece Oz Ramsey Bay Area Big Band. \$45-\$85. 510-523-5587, www.dancewithme.info. 2735 Broadway, Oakland. 510-663-2905, www.zcafeandbar.com.

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phony No. 3 completes the 8 p.m. program. Tickets are \$15-\$62, available at 510-625-8497 or www.oeb.org.

WHO IS JOHN ZORN? "My work is like a little prism," says composer John Zorn. "You look through it, and it goes off in a million different directions."

Zorn, a recent recipient of a MacArthur "genius" grant, has been a fixture on New York City's downtown scene since the '70s. But he's still relatively unknown on the West Coast. Audiences in Berkeley on Sunday afternoon will have a chance to catch up in a program devoted to his music; presented as part of Cal Performances Composer Portrait series, the 3 p.m. event at Hertz Hall includes the West Coast premiere of Zorn's "Evocation of a Neophyte and How the Secrets of the Black Arts were Revealed unto Her by the Demon Baphomet." The chamber

work for soloist, chorus and four players features soprano Martha Cluver, harpist Karen Gottlieb and percussionists William Winant and David Johnson, along with the Bay Area's own Pacific Mozart Ensemble. Also on the lineup are Zorn's "Sortilege," "Orphee," "Frammenti del Sappho" and "Walpurgisnacht." Tickets are \$32. 510-642-9888, or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

MORE ON MOZART: The Mozart year continues, and East Bay music lovers can get their fill of the composer's music this weekend at Davies Hall, as Michael Tilson Thomas leads the San Francisco Symphony program in "A Mozart Journey." In the spirit of journeys the conductor has led through the music of Ives, Copland and Beethoven, Thomas plans to visit several Mozart hot spots and a few out-of-the-way places as well. Songs, sonatas, concertos and choral works highlight the program, which features Mozart's Symphony No. 31, "Paris," soprano Laura Aiken joins the orchestra in the always-thrilling "Marten aller Arten" from "The Abduction from the Seraglio," and Thomas joins pianist Jeremy Denk in music for piano four hands. Denk will also play excerpts from the Piano Concerto No. 23 in A. "A Mozart Journey" performs today at 6:30

p.m. as part of the S.F. Symphony's Friday 6.5 series. \$31-\$114. 415-864-6000 or www.sf-symphony.org.

Denk, by the way, is a name to watch. The pianist, who makes his S.F. Symphony debut on "A Mozart Journey," next heads to Carnegie Hall to appear with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra Dec. 2. A recipient of the 1998 Avery Fisher career grant, Denk has performed in recent seasons with Joshua Bell and the Miro Quartet, among others; he's also an avid classical music blogger, one whose posts quote freely from Shakespeare, T.S. Eliot and TV soap operas. Check out his blog at <http://jremydenk.blogspot.com>.

ON YOUR POD: If you missed last week's premiere of Jake Heggie's "To Hell and Back" by the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, you can hear excerpts in a new podcast. Opera News magazine is devoting its inaugural podcast to the one-act opera, which featured soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian and Broadway singer Patti LuPone as soloists. To find it, visit www.metoperafamily.org/operanews/, or go to the link at Philharmonia Baroque's home page at www.philharmonia.org.

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Plot is bad for Crowe, 'Good Year'

French can't make up a character story

Mary F. Pols

Good Year is the story of an expensive suit who French chateau, and transformative, sun-drenched under the Provençal becomes a jerk in a ratty

greedy London lawyer, Max Skinner, is Russell Crowe, reteam-director Ridley Scott for since 2000's Oscar "Gladiator." Although feature lion pits (in the trading floor) and country estates, they are more different.

Good Year, machismo he gotten ridden of, instead. It's more reminiscent of a forlorn Diarmuid, a Tuscan renovating a Tuscan 'Year' gives us the undergoing a dubitation of the soul.

back to see young Eddie Highmore from "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" spending time with his uncle (Tom Finney). Henry is a law, who teaches the to play tennis and appreciate wine.

starts to teach him to be a less successful. point, Max graduates early brat to boorish, a guy who calls his em- a rats, caresses the female employee in and hasn't had any con- his uncle in years.

theless, when Henry is left to Max. He heads off to France to place's selling poten- not a sous! — for legacy of winemaking the future of the cutesy run the place, the Officer Bourdon and Is- (admirer).

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et's tragic events — the San Francisco and fire and World the art conveys the of a new civilization in

of Arthur Mathews' display almost entices to step into these histor- They look like en- of the illustra- children's adventure Indeed, four are the Oakland Pub- where they have the former Carnegie Li- Street near Preser-

murals have not been the walls, of course; paintings on canvas, symbolically "The Arts," "Conquest," "Resignation" in ar- arings. The mural, 13 feet wide



TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

RUSSELL CROWE plays Max Skinner, a cutthroat London stock broker who inherits his uncle's chateau in France.

The cure for a man this far gone into Gordon Gekko territory is threefold: First, he must be forced to drive a rented lime green car so small it might be considered a go-cart. Second, he should be forced, literally, to wear the clothes of his cigar chomping, wisdom spouting uncle, triggering reflections on how much Henry appreciated life. Then he

must catch a glimpse of the derriere of a feisty French beauty (Marion Cotillard).

An American derriere is also introduced, that of a Californian named Christie (Abbie Cornish) who may or may not be Henry's illegitimate daughter and Max's cousin. As a signal that Max's character is improving, he manages, with some effort, to keep

both Arthur and Lucia Mathews, she maintained her own studio and developed her own style. It looks surprisingly modern, considering she was born in 1870. One small painting of hers, "View Across Hillside," is a flattened seascape landscape that might have been painted in the 1950s.

If Arthur's allegories and glowing landscapes seem familiar, Lucia's paintings may be the real discovery of this exhibit. Her watercolors, pastels and oil paintings of children and flowers are justifiably her best-known works. Much different is "Red and White," a glowing portrait of a young woman in a style that recalls her study with James McNeill Whistler in Paris.

Also notable is a group of post-card-size oil studies she sketched at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in 1915, giving a sense of the vivid colors that old photographs can't convey.

Scenes from the world's fair that celebrated the rebuilding of San Francisco, idyllic Bay Area

'A GOOD YEAR'

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Starring: Russell Crowe, Albert Finney, Marion Cotillard, Abbie Cornish, Tom Hollander, Freddie Highmore

Director: Ridley Scott

Rated: PG-13 for language and some sexual content

Opens today: Bay Area theaters

Running time: 1 hour, 58 minutes

his eyes on the more appropriate prize.

The movie was adapted from Peter Mayle's novel of the same name. Scott and Mayle worked together as young men in the advertising business, and they remain such good friends that they concocted the idea of the book together.

The story is so thin — in one sequence, Messieurs Skinner and Duflot play a lengthy game of tennis together, during which the dramatic tension builds to the revelation that both of them are sweaty and out of breath — one imagines Scott and Mayle devised it in roughly the same amount of time it takes to drink a bottle of wine.

There is a side plot involving a legendary garage wine, but the mystery is so transparent Inspector Clouseau would have seen through it.

But the book was a best-seller, and the movie, being gentle and easy on the eyes, may well find its own warm reception. Certainly it's built to sell.

Cinematographer Philippe Le Sourd makes it look like a feature from "Travel & Leisure" or "Gourmet" come to life. Should you enter the frame — which of course, you want to do, at least when Max is out of it — you would feel obliged to carry a bowl of olives with you.

Once there, any number of enticing fantasies could come true for you as well. You could find a sassy soul mate. You could become a better man or woman. All you have to do is stop and smell the Vin.

landscapes from a century ago, dancing girls who look like muses and goddesses — the Mathews exhibit draws visitors into a storybook world of California's promise.

Kevin Starr, the California historian and former state librarian, connects the couple with the present day in his introduction to the stunning book that accompanies the exhibit. Their dream of California lives on in their art, he notes, as a classical place alive with color and sunlight.

"They were a dream, but their art is not a delusion," Starr says. "The Mathews beheld a California that we, too, can behold on a sunlit day, catching the silhouette of an oak tree against the sky, seeing beautiful architecture in the distance, glimpsing the azure sea in a cinnamon-colored mountaintop."

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BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

Anchorwoman's absence a puzzle

IS KTVU'S LESLIE GRIF-FITH the Judge Crater of local TV news? Or the new Elaine Corral? Absent from the anchor desk since August, her disappearance is as much of a mystery in Channel 2's Jack London Square newsroom as it is to viewers of "The 10 O'Clock News."

Maybe she'll have returned by the time you read this, or perhaps there'll be word Griffith has left KTVU. What there probably WON'T be: the real reason for her "disappearance."

"Honestly, I don't have a clue what's going on with Leslie," says one 20-year KTVU news veteran/insider. "We never really found out why Elaine left, either. It's all very strange."

Corral's disappearance almost a decade ago is still unexplained, and because of a settlement agreement, Corral still won't talk. I do know that on the night Corral unexpectedly resigned, the station's general manager and attorney were in the control room, making sure she read from a carefully prepared script.

My 20 years of covering local TV — and having worked at KTVU News for a short time — has led me to some suspicions about why the place has "less" Griffith.

Ever since beloved longtime news director Fred Zehnder left eight years ago, the once-high morale at KTVU has slipped. Much of it is due to increasing budget constraints. Part is because of the increasing role of consultants at KTVU. And some is due to new managers and recent newsroom hires. The Oakland newsroom no longer overflows with happy campers; grumbling abounds.

Plus, as local TV ratings and audience shares shrink across the board, so do budgets. Different strategies are tried to win back and keep audience, especially during sweeps months.

It's not the same business it was 10 years ago, and no one I know is happy about it. I assume Griffith shares that sentiment.

Sorry I can't come up with something more specific for her long disappearance, but if Leslie does resurface, I'll ask her why the long "leave of absence." But I'm not expecting her to say much.

LIVE — OR NOT: One thing consultants have loved for years is live shots, even pointless ones. I've seen reporters live on-camera at Jack London Square introducing their film package of a news story that occurred at Lake Merritt hours before.

"Live shots are supposed to convey immediacy to viewers, letting them know we have people actively working a story," says one veteran local TV news reporter — even when they don't.

More often than not, a live shot is used merely as a backdrop for a reporter to introduce a film package. But have you noticed that most local stations are using fewer live shots recently? It's not the consultants' idea; it's management's — they want to save money.

And live shots are expensive. Those ENG (electronic news gathering) trucks get lousy mileage. Plus, they have to pay overtime for shooters (camera people). It's not cost-effective.

So, instead of seeing reporters standing, say, out on the rain-slicked streets of Oakland to introduce their film packages, we're seeing more and more stories introduced by reporters "standing by in the newsroom."

And, of course, you don't need a gas-guzzling, equipment-packed truck to do that.

Sources tell me that Channels 2 and 7 have cut back the most on the live shots. Channel 4 long ago slashed costs. KPPIX, I'm told, hasn't cut back as much. After all, they just bought new ENG trucks recently, and you gotta amortize those babies.

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OAKLAND singer-songwriter Akosua describes her sound as jazz-inspired folk fusion.

Akosua purposeful in sharing gifts

By Jennifer Modenessi
STAFF WRITER

THE VOICE GLIDES effortlessly, up and up, soaring gently before it's bathed in a warm hum of electronics.

There's acoustic picking, jazzy inflections, quiet flute and a hint of running water. Sound like a relaxing musical experience? Well, that's just what Oakland singer-songwriter Akosua has in mind.

The 26-year-old musician, who performed Wednesday at Berkeley's La Pena Cultural Center, is exploring the healing aspects of music through a project she calls "Musical Medicinals." Having a bad day? Feeling stressed? The Mills College music major — who also has a degree in psychology — may soon have just the acoustic prescription for you.

But it's not all ethereal atmospherics for the multi-talented musician. Drawing from her Ghanaian cultural heritage

as well other forms of music, Akosua is creating a potent hybrid of African, jazz, Latin and folk. Adding a dash of the avant-garde — she's known to spice her songs with the sounds of everything from shutters to door hinges — Akosua is pushing the boundaries of conventional songwriting.

Q: How did you get involved with music?

A: I was a musical child. Singing was the first thing for me. I sang in a lot of choirs at school and I sang at church. When I was about 13 or 14, I started to get interested in the guitar. My parents had bought me a guitar for Christmas, but they weren't really interested in me playing. I said, "I'm going to teach myself how to play this guitar — I don't care what I have to do." So that's what I did.

Q: You have a background in psychology and healing. What motivates you to explore music?

A: I'm a deeply spiritual per-

son and I do believe that we all have gifts that we are given and we're supposed to give them to the world. There's no reason for us to try to deny those. I think when we do, it's very destructive spiritually. I was in that place. Growing up, I was in that place of trying to do everything but my music. Even when I came here (to the Bay Area), I was still scared and trying not to do it. I was not fulfilled. I was not satisfied. I was not happy. That's where it came from, feeling that I have this thing inside of me, that it's my purpose to put it out there, it's my purpose to sing, it's my purpose to compose. If I'm not doing that, then I really don't know what I'm doing.

Q: How would you describe your sound?

A: It's a jazz-inspired folk fusion. It's inspired by the tonal versatility of jazz, specifically some jazz chords that I use and progressions. But it's folk because it's storytelling. You'll hear

American folk, African folk and Latin American folk in there. That's where the fusion comes in.

Q: Tell us about "Musical Medicinals."

A: I'm so excited about it. I see it as being more of an instrumental. I definitely will use voice, but maybe not so much spoken-word or songs per se. I want it to be an album of pieces that people can take for different reasons. "I'm feeling stressed out today, I'm going to listen to this," or "I am feeling depressed and I need to listen to this." I really intend it to be like something people can use like a prescription.

Q: You've said that you're "creating new territories for brown girls with guitars." Can you tell us a little bit more about that?

A: I do feel that there's not a lot of black women out there who play guitars. I don't know why that is. When I think of the folk tradition, I think of Africa or I think of the deep

South. Women, in general, don't see playing guitar as a mean, more today, but was growing up, that was the case.

I think with being a songwriter who creates her own material, is experimenting with different and new ideas and new who is also an entrepreneur, that's new territory for in general, and women specifically. I'm not sure because there's women have been my predecessors that I admire so much.

I love to say I have a cause when I reflect on it. "Wow, I have a gift. It's sad to me that people know that. When you're there and shine your light, it shows somebody else the same thing without you."

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California inspires artists' creativity

By Robert Taylor
STAFF WRITER

IN THE EARLY 1900s in the Bay Area, artists Arthur Mathews and his wife, Lucia, created what came to be known as the California decorative style — fabled in its era but dismissed by mid-century as mere decoration.

But their art — developed as the hurly-burly of the 19th century gave way to modern times — was a unique blend of classical inspiration and arts-and-crafts simplicity, with a reflection of the California settings they loved.

The new retrospective of their work at the Oakland Museum brings these relatively obscure artists to the forefront once again — and reveals more burnished images that help make up the California Dream.

"California as Muse: The Art of Arthur & Lucia Mathews," which runs through March 25, conveys visitors to another world.

The exhibit's central court is surrounded by galleries, filled with paintings and drawings and

EXHIBIT

■ **WHAT:** "California as Muse: The Art of Arthur & Lucia Mathews"

■ **WHERE:** Oakland Museum of California, Tenth and Oak streets, Oakland

■ **WHEN:** Through March 25, 2007: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, open to 9 p.m. first Friday of each month

■ **HOW MUCH:** \$5-\$8; free the second Sunday of each month

■ **CONTACT:** 510-238-2200, www.museumca.org

■ **EVENTS:** Curator Harvey Jones leads a tour of the exhibit at 2 p.m. today and 7 p.m. Dec. 2

everything from postcard-size oil sketches to a 12-foot-tall stained glass window. There are carved and painted boxes and a throne-like chair from San Francisco's Masonic Temple, nearly 150 works in all.

The paintings alone —

Arthur's portraits and Monterey landscapes, Lucia's more typical watercolors — would make an impressive exhibit on their own. But the Mathewses, much like William Morris in England and the art nouveau stylists with their roots in France, believed that art, craft and life were one.

That was especially true after the 1906 earthquake and fire destroyed so much of San Francisco, including Arthur Mathews' studio.

Six months after the disaster, the Mathewses and art patron John Zeile Jr. opened the Furniture Shop on California Street to help bring a new vision to the re-born city. Eventually, they worked with a staff of 50 to create carved and painted desks, chairs, lamps, clock cases and, most famously, frames for their own and other artists' paintings.

During the height of their careers, from the turn of the century into the 1930s, their work reflected California as a bountiful new world with its roots in European classicism. Berkeley



ARTHUR MATHEWS' "Youth" is one of nearly 150 works "California as Muse" exhibit.

was, after all, "the Athens of the West." Arthur Mathews' paintings and murals presented, in curator Harvey Jones' view, "a utopian vision of peace, prosperity and cultural promise."

One of Arthur Mathews' friends called it "Calitopia."

Taken together, Lucia Mathews' art, radiant landscapes, figures and lively dancing intelligence and open

See CALIFORNIA

wards for the Cadillac SRX have become a 'good' habit

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

2007 Cadillac SRX is a crossover SUV vehicle that definitely stands out from the others. As a result, it has become a prizewinner.

The SRX, winning is becoming a habit. It has been named Car and Driver's Best Luxury SUV for an unprecedented third consecutive year. The latest version is recognized for its elegant and handcrafted interior. However, the SRX also has the V6 engine, standard-winning Northstar V8 engine, automatic transmission and delivery of power I wanted under all circumstances, and also has the featured manual shifting. It produced 254 pounds-foot of torque. The SRX also offered all-wheel drive with 50/50 torque split for better grip and traction.

Power is only a part of the appearance is the other. The SRX is the full-size Cadillac Escalade, but much smaller — and more maneuverable. Yet it's obvious that the SRX is from the same family as the Escalade with its chiseled headlamps and grille. I found the overall size an asset as it handles like a sedan, especially when driving on busy roads or parking in tight spaces. Visibility is also excellent.

The quality of the SRX is very durable and comfortable. One reason for the durable ride is the long wheelbase. I'm told it's the longest in its class. The equal weight distribution and low center of gravity gave me the feeling that I was driving a performance car — without the harsh ride of a sports car.

Another feature that Cadillac engineers like is StabiliTrak. This is a four-chamber system with a fully electric control system that coordinates systems such as braking, steering, traction control and suspension to optimize overall vehicle control. According to statistics provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, StabiliTrak can save as many lives as safety belts.



MOTOR MATTERS

KEANE ON WHEELS

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Another area where the SRX is distinctly different compared to a sports car is getting in and out — which is very easy and similar to a sedan. My tester was the five-passenger model with an enormous cargo area and lots of storage compartments. For those who require more seating, a seven-passenger model is also available.

My tester also had a very large sunroof that provided an open-air driving experience for both front- and rear-seat passengers. This sunroof also had a retractable power shade.

My SRX had a couple of other features that I enjoyed: OnStar and a Bose sound system. OnStar allowed me to get turn-by-turn directions to my destination by

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simply touching a button and telling the operator where I wanted to go. It sure beats having to program a navigational system. Of course, OnStar has other benefits, such as rescue support in the event of an accident or unlocking the doors

should the keys be left in the car.

The Bose 5.1 digital surround sound system is amazing with its realistic quality. What made my tester even more enjoyable was XM Satellite radio, enabling me to listen to the same programs I en-

THE 2007 CADILLAC SRX is a crossover sport utility vehicle that definitely stands out above the others.

joy at home. Loaded with numerous desirable options my tester had a bottom line of \$46,690.

In this day of concern about gas mileage, the smaller and more economical crossover is very desirable — rated at 16 city mpg and 24 highway. Not the best numbers, but a lot better than a full-size SUV.

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1962 Chevrolet 409, with options, fulfills dream

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

When most boys reach their teen years they know that a driver's license is within grasp. That's when they often begin paying attention to automobile ads and reading car magazines to get the latest information on the newest cars.

All of this activity is a much-wasted effort because more often than not no one has told the teenager he can't afford the new cars that he is studying.

That's exactly what happened to Mike Ambrogio in the early 1960s when he was a high school student. Even before he had his permit to drive the car that had captured his imagination, the Beach Boys sang about his dream car — the 409.

The 1962 Chevrolet 409 was a full-size car with a 409-cubic-inch V8 engine that developed 409 horsepower. One horsepower per cubic inch is not very exciting now, but back then it was very big news. The base price was \$2,561 for one of the Sport Hardtop Coupes, a.k.a. "bubbletop" because of the enormous amount of glass. Many of the cars were ordered loaded with extra-cost options, or at least a few of the creature comfort accessories. Others were built the way Ambrogio would have ordered — had he been able to afford the car in 1962 — stripped down and ready to run.

In the years since his high school graduation in 1965, Am-

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brogio would occasionally see a 1962 bubbletop 409, which always caused him to imagine himself in his dream car. In early 2003 he began searching on the Internet for the car he never had. Just any bubbletop 409 would not do. His car had to be red with a red interior or black with a red interior, no radio, no horsepower-robbing power accessories, blackwall tires and small, dog dish hubcaps.

There weren't too many to begin with — Ambrogio estimates about 3,900 — and many of the few survivors had been gussied up with all sorts of accessories.

In the summer of 2004, after 14 long months of searching, Ambrogio discovered what appeared to be a promising car in Stockton, Calif. He telephoned his brother, John, who lives in California, and asked him to give the car a once over. John's report came back that this was the car he knew his brother had been looking for and, in his words, "You'd better pull the trigger on this one."

Ambrogio purchased the black car on his brother's recommendation and arranged for a closed truck to haul it to his Beach Park, Ill., home near the Wisconsin border. The day it arrived, June 16, the car wouldn't start because one of the carburetor floats was stuck. "That



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didn't matter," Ambrogio says, "because June 16 is my birthday." After his Chevrolet was pushed out of the truck he spent hours just sitting in his lawn chair admiring his dream car birthday present.

Typical of California cars, there was no rust to be found. Under the hood, Ambrogio found a pair of four-barrel carburetors atop the monstrous engine that has solid lifters. The windshield is tinted, but there is nothing that is not functional to add weight or rob horsepower. A 7,000-rpm tachometer is

mounted on the left side of the steering column and the four-speed manual transmission shifter is on the floor.

The headliner is white in contrast to the red vinyl upholstery, side panels and seat coverings. After inspecting the 409, Ambrogio noticed that the gold-colored Chevrolet bowtie emblem — so prominent on the side panels — was missing on the seats. To rectify the situation, both front and rear seats were recovered with the appropriate emblems in the correct positions.

Keeping in touch with the nonsense theme already established for the car, there is no air conditioning, no power steering nor power brakes, and each window has its own manual crank.

Ambrogio's wife has suggested installing a radio to make the car more user-friendly, but he stands firm on the way he wants to keep the basic car — pure.

"This is the way I wanted it when I was 16 and that's the way I finally got it," Ambrogio says.

Nobody is going to take the car for the next six months. November is "the time" when Ambrogio puts the car in a heated barn to hibernate for the springtime.

For your car to be the subject of the Classic Classics column, send a photo (front view) plus brief details and a number to Vern Parker, 2201 W. 10th Ave., Suite 100, Lakewood, CO 80226. Only photos of good quality are considered.

Loose or worn gas cap could illuminate 'check engine' light

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: My question regards the "check engine" light on my car. The light used to come on repeatedly. My mechanic said to make sure I tighten the gas cap until it clicks. I did this and the "check engine" light has not come back on. Is this true of all cars? — Virginia

Dear Virginia: All gas-powered light-duty vehicles since 1996 have an advanced on-board diagnostic computer system that monitors all aspects of engine management, automatic transmission operating conditions and evaporation systems for leakage. A loose or worn gas cap will set a "check engine" light trouble code. There are also many other conditions that set the "check engine" light. A simple computer scan code test is all that is needed if the light comes on again.

Dear Doctor: I own a GMC 2001

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Yukon 4x4 5.3-liter V8 automatic with factory limited slip 3.72 gear ratio. It has 93,000 miles on it. At just over 50 mph the rear end starts to whine, but stops whining at 60 mph. I have had the rear end fluid changed and put in synthetic gear oil and the GM fluid additive. The whine is still present. I also installed new dual-tip Bosch spark plugs and a fresh air intake. The fuel mileage increase was modest at best. Would installing a larger mass air flow sensor improve the mileage? — Al

Dear Al: The rear end gear whine is from gear wear. The only way to eliminate the whine is with a ring and pinion gear replacement. Beware not to use an aftermarket gear set. Use only a factory gear set, and always replace the bearings when replacing the gear set. As for the gas mileage question, a larger mass air flow sensor will allow more air into the engine and the oxygen sensors will read the lean condition and add more fuel.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2003 Buick LeSabre with only 20,000 miles. My three-year warranty is about to expire. I have been offered a two-year warranty from the dealer for \$970. Do you think with my low mileage I should buy the warranty? — Anthony

Dear Anthony: Extended warranties are not for everyone. In your case, with low mileage, the extended warranty is not for you. If any readers are interested in extended warranties, make sure to read the fine print. Some of the aftermarket warranties are not worth the paper they are written on.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2005 Subaru Outback six-cylinder with VDC. The throttle response seems to have

a 1.5- to 2-second delay. What is the problem? — Frank

Dear Frank: I have driven both four- and six-cylinder Subarus and have never noticed a delayed throttle response. The first step is to go back to the dealer and let them road test the car. Second, test-drive another 2005 Subaru to see if that Subaru has the same delayed throttle response. If there is an engine management problem, the "check engine" light should illuminate.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2003 Mitsubishi Galant with 38,000 miles. After driving the car and parking it, there is a smell of antifreeze. I have owned this car for seven months and have not seen any leaks or had to add antifreeze. — Rick

Dear Rick: Vehicles give off odors that can be confusing. If the antifreeze odor were actually antifreeze, the antifreeze level would go down. Today's engines run much hotter

than cars of a few years ago. There could also be a piece of plastic stuck on the exhaust that will give off an odor when hot.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2002 Honda Civic with 38,500 miles. It has an occasional no-start problem. When I turn the key the starter does nothing. But if I wait 30 seconds, the starter will work. I have taken the car to the dealer and they said there is nothing wrong. — Stan

Dear Stan: Any time a vehicle like yours comes into our shop check all connections and perform a full charging system test. If everything checks out, then we hook up test equipment and instruct the driver on what we want them to do. In your no-start case, we would hook up a test light to S terminal on the starter and place it in view for the driver to see. When the starter doesn't work, the test-light illuminates, indicating there is no voltage getting to the starter. I have seen

faulty ignition switch come because this intermittent problem many vehicles.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2001 Contour V6 with only 23,000 miles. The "check engine" light came on and a scan test was done. I was told there was an emission problem, shop could not pinpoint the problem. I tried replacing the gas filter and the light still comes on. — Ken

Dear Ken: With any vehicle trouble fault code requires a qualified technician — not a mechanic to trouble-shoot the problem code such as your code could require the use of a machine, plus a bi-directional tool and a digital volt and ohm meter. If you cannot find a local shop with a qualified technician, call the local Ford dealer for help. Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakewood, CO 80226.

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Small gets bigger: Small-car sales could set a record this year, a comeback from decades of being disparaged as unsafe, cramped and poorly built. This year will see the highest percentage of small cars,

compacts and subcompacts sold since at least 1987, predicts consultants AutoPacific. Small cars will account for 31.5 percent of the total passenger car market, up a percentage point from last year. Market share will keep climbing through 2010, AutoPacific says. In sheer numbers, small-car sales this year will near 2.5 million, highest since 2001, the data show. Source: USA Today.

GM going global: General Motors Corp. will build at least one car from its new global family of rear- and all-wheel-drive cars in the United States, Vice Chairman Bob Lutz revealed at the Paris Motor Show. Lutz did not say which U.S. plant would produce the car or cars, when production would begin or what brand or brands

would sell them. GM also will build a long, luxury car in China based on the new global vehicle architecture. Source: The Detroit Free Press.



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■ Keep on your toes for the unexpected when approaching a road work zone. Normal speed limits may drop and traffic lanes may change or disappear due to

closure.

■ Ease up on the gas pedal. Speeding is a key reason behind work zone crashes.

■ Maintain a safe distance between your car and the car ahead of you. Tailgating can end up a rear end collision. Also, keep a safe distance away from construction workers and their equipment.

■ Heed all warning signs. They are there to help guide you and other drivers safely through the work zone. One of the last signs

in a work zone usually indicates when you've left the work zone.

■ Obey road crew flaggers that keep traffic moving at a safe speed through a work zone.

■ Keep your focus on the work zone road and minimize distractions, such as using a cell phone or flipping through radio stations while driving.

■ Keep pace with the traffic flow. Motorists can help maintain traffic flow and posted speeds by merging as soon as possible.

Never attempt to drive right up to the lane closure and merge into the traffic.

■ Stay patient and expect de-

lays. Television, radio and Web sites will often inform motorists of upcoming road work and provide information about the work zone

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2007 CLK350 Coupe \$688 TOTAL DUE

\$549

per month plus tax
39 months
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2007 E350 Sedan \$688 TOTAL DUE

\$599

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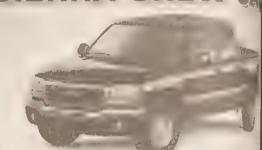
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Net \$12,988

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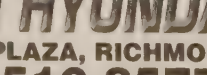
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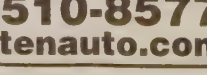
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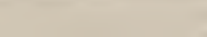
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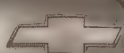
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Dealer Discount	\$3,382
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Factory Rebate	\$2,000
Bonus Cash	\$1,000
Net Price	\$27,988

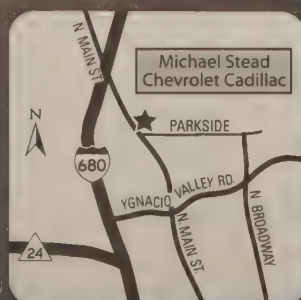
NET PRICE
\$27,988
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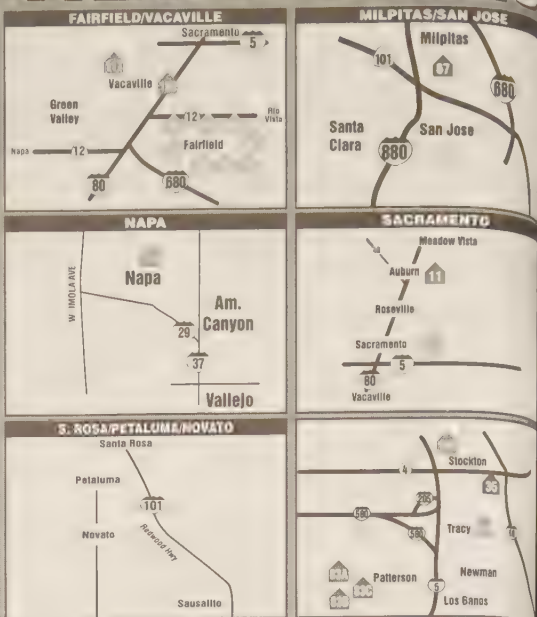
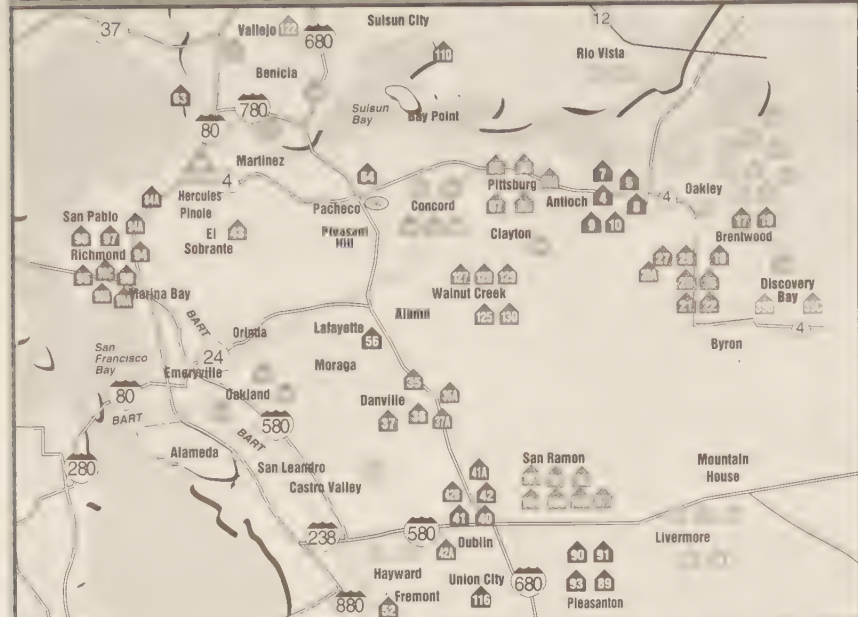
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
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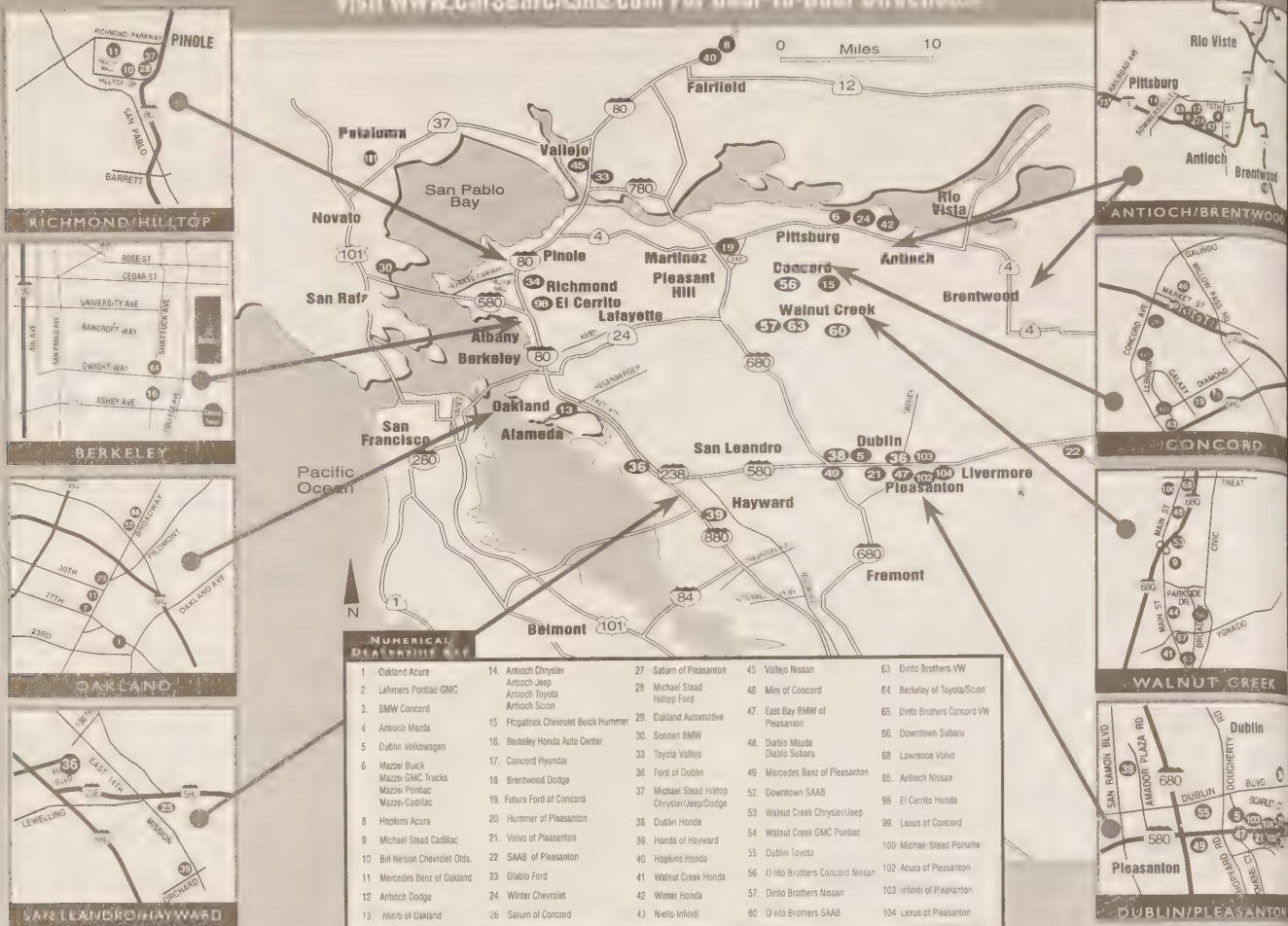
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The kitschy pink flamingo flies off the lawn and into the sunset

BY HARLYNE VARKONYI
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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The pink plastic flamingo, a kitschy icon that has been as retro cool, is dead at

pop culture symbol met its end after its manufacturer, Union Products, of Leominster, Mass., was socked with a triple threat — increases in electricity and plastic resin prices, loss of financing, and a scheduled close Nov. 10. Union Products, which produced 250,000 of its patented pink flamingos a year in 1967, is also producing other garden products. Union Products, professor of culture at Syracuse University, has been immortalized every- where — from the John Waters' "Pink Flamingos," to bachelor parties and lawn across America. "As a kitschy icon, there are no pillars of cheesy, campy, or the American pantheon. The velvet Elvis. The other pink flamingo."

The birth of the plastic pink flamingo in 1967 coincided with the pop culture boom in Florida, which made it possible to see in other parts of the country a little piece of the Sun-State mystique in their yard. In the late '70s, according to Union, the pink flamingo became a symbol of bad taste. It was considered trash culture and was embraced by a wise-guy crowd. They knew better (wink, wink), but embraced the iconic

By the late '80s and early '90s, he said we learned to make fun of pop culture items such as the pink flamingo as well as appreciate them.

"The pink flamingo has gone from a piece of the Florida boom and Florida exotica to being a symbol of trash culture to now becoming a combination of all we know — kitsch, history, simplicity and elegance," Thompson said.

Until recently, Mike Smollon was one of the folks who put the pink flamingo in the kitsch category. But during a recent trip to Massachusetts, the Boynton Beach firefighter and battalion chief had an epiphany.

After reading a story in the Sentinel & Enterprise about the closing of the factory, he bought 12 pairs of flamingos.

"I never owned a pink flamingo before," Smollon said. "To be honest, I used to think this was the kind of a thing only a girl would put in her yard. But when I found out the factory was closing, I thought this is something historical happening."

Smollon went to the factory and bought 11 sets of pink flamingos and one set of the commemorative gold flamingos that were made for 2007, which would have been the bird's 50th birthday. He plans to keep a few and give the rest to flamingo-loving friends.

Flamingo fever hit and he searched the Internet for Don Featherstone, the kitschy bird's creator. When he learned that Featherstone lived only about five minutes from his hotel, he called him and asked if he could come over and get his photograph taken with him.

Not only did Featherstone and his wife, Nancy, come out of the house wearing matching pink shirts adorned with green flamingos, the artist autographed two sets of flamingos. Smollon also

bought a copy of Featherstone's book, *The Original Pink Flamingos: Splendor on the Grass* (Schiffer Publishing, 1999), which he autographed for an extra \$5.

After Smollon returned home, he bought a set of pink flamingos from the 1950s for \$39 on eBay.

"Now I have one of the first sets made and one of the last sets made," he said. "I have my own private collection."

A revival?

Featherstone retired as president of Union Products about six years ago, but he still promotes his creation and will continue to do so post-mortem.

On Oct. 5, he spoke on what would have been the upcoming 50th anniversary of Featherstone's plastic pink flamingo at the Ig Nobel prizes at Harvard University. The Ig Nobels, a parody of the Nobel prizes, are given for achievements that "first make people laugh and then make them think," according to Improbable Research, creator of the awards. Featherstone was honored in 1996 for his creation, which he originally sculptured from clay using a National Geographic photograph.

Several folks besides Smollon have stopped by to see Featherstone and get their pictures taken with him.

"They think the pink flamingos could be extinct, and they think I will be extinct soon, too," he said. "It is sad that it is happening, but it may not be dead yet."

Featherstone and Plante are hoping for a resurrection. Plante has been seeking another company to buy the molds. So far, two companies in the United States and one in Canada have expressed interest.

"I am hoping that someone will come forward and save the plas-



JOHN L. WHITE/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

THE PLASTIC PINK FLAMINGO, an icon of kitsch and Florida, is now an endangered species. Due to rising costs, the company that makes them plans to discontinue production.

tic pink flamingo from extinction," Plante said.

Until then, you can buy them on eBay, where they were selling for \$12.95 and \$17.56 last week. In comparison, Smollon paid \$15 for a set of two pink flamingos and \$25 for a set of gold flamingos.

"I can't imagine that there won't be any way to get a pink flamingo anywhere but on eBay," said pop cul-

ture professor Thompson. "We are so much into a big retro craze. All the Baby Boomers are looking mortality in the eye, and there is so much nostalgia for the things of their childhood such as old toys and candy."

"When the news gets out that you can't get them anymore, I think there will be a demand. It may not be the demand there was before, but there will be demand

as a specialty item."

Revived or not, the pink plastic flamingo is sure to live on in the pop culture hall of fame.

If you're into pink flamingos, check out the campy video "The Pink Plastic Flamingo, The Ambassador of the American Lawn" on Your Media Coverage Theatre at <http://www.yourmediacoverage.com/projects/pinkplasticflamingo>.

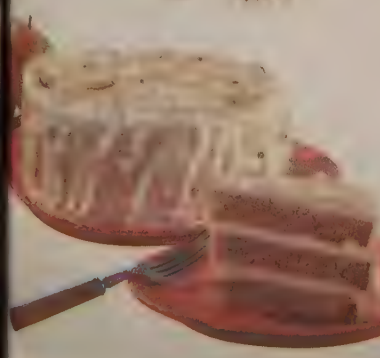
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BY LEAH ESKIN
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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Frankly, staying healthy makes us queasy. Who wants to ruin a perfectly good kale saute wondering if germ warfare is being fought in the foliage? Who wants to dampen a walk on the lakefront by counting footsteps, dividing by body mass and discounting for the portable doughnut? Who wants to pass the physical, only to fail the challenge of filing the claim form?

We concede the standard appalling condition is best met with the standard appalling treatment. But we submit that stress—that bulging hamper of damp and dirty discouragement—is best undone with alternative medicine.

Massage, for instance. Extended beach idyll. Room service. Reflexology. Any mood-enhancement device, such as orange lipstick, curvy slides, plaid flip-phones. Yoga, of course. Cushy yoga mat. Adorable stretchy yoga outfit, with matching jacket. Stress-reducers all. Which should, rightfully, be fully covered.

We're certain an actual scientific study would find that these measures improve life and longevity. And that the tab, no matter how appalling, compares favorably to that of traditional treatment. Perhaps muckrakers will discover that such research has been quashed by collusion between the pharmaceutical industry and the anti-yoga lobby.

Still, the health-conscious can turn to the home remedy. For instance, the truffle. This collusion

between bittersweet chocolate and heavy cream, fortified with unadulterated cocoa powder, is strong medicine. Experts agree it comes packed with complex mood-boosters best abbreviated as caffeine, calories and chocolate.

The truffle is indicated for the mild depression experienced by the overworked and underappreciated. It is also a tonic for afternoon slump, laundry and exasperation.

The standard dose of two truffles should be administered, with or without coffee, at first sign of surliness. Efficacy is immediate and intense. The potent truffle is contraindicated for children (a pediatric dose is available, foil-wrapped, from Hershey's). The only known side effect is addiction. Small price to pay for mental health.

DAILY DOSE EXTRA-STRENGTH TRUFFLES
8 ounces high-quality bittersweet chocolate (70 percent)
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon whole espresso beans

2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder

Chop: Line a loaf pan with one long stretch of plastic wrap. Finely chop chocolate. Toss in a mixing bowl with butter, cut into small chunks.

Scald: Heat cream and espresso beans in a small heavy pan. Just as cream comes to a boil, strain over chocolate and butter. Discard beans. Whisk chocolate smooth and shiny.

Chill: Scrape chocolate mixture into loaf pan. Fold over plastic wrap to cover. Refrigerate until firm, 3 hours.

Dust: Sift half the cocoa powder onto a clean, dry cutting board. Unwrap truffle block onto



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Tired of the stress of the day — from worrying about diet, counting steps, counting calories and the afternoon energy slump? A dose of a couple of truffles can work wonders.

cocoa. Sift remaining cocoa powder over the top. With a large heavy knife, cut into 36 1-inch cubes. Trust us: the truffle cube is even easier to dispense than the truffle sphere, and quite a bit tidier to produce. Toss to dust all sides with cocoa powder.

Store: Pile truffles into a glass or plastic container. Seal securely. Refrigerate or freeze.

Dose: During the moment of stress, say, the unruly child's bedtime, unreasonable deadline or unbelievable heap of laundry, take two. Keep out of reach of children.

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improvement jobs is reno-
bathroom. Perhaps due
as a part-time sanc-
bathroom is a room
all homeowners want to
more personal.
important aspect of a bath-
room renovation that can often be
overlooked is lighting. Whereas
rooms in a typical house are
evenly lit throughout, bath-
rooms run the gamut with
many styles. Tiles in the
bathroom often differ from floor tiles
in the rest of the house, while wallpaper is of-
ten used as well to offer even
more contrast. In addition to those
tiles and faucet fixtures
being considered as well,
the job of lighting a bath-
room is more difficult than many
others suspect.
So much to consider for
even one of the smaller
rooms, lighting the bath-
room seems like an ordeal. But
getting the following as-
sessment of lighting a bathroom
isn't as daunting as it seems.

bathrooms ever seem to have the
same lighting around mirrors. This
can make things difficult for men
and women, whether they're look-
ing for ample light when shaving
or applying makeup. The best way
to ensure all your home's bath-
rooms have ample lighting is to
place a pair of vertical lighting
brackets, or sconces, along each
side of the mirror. Add a vanity
light atop the mirror for added
lighting. This will allow for even
lighting across your entire face,
making shaving or makeup
mishaps a thing of the past.

Showers

For those who shave in the
shower, install a water-resistant
light fixture in the ceiling above
the shower. Be sure to install light-
ing that's bright enough to give
you a good view of yourself while
shaving. And don't forget a fog-
proof shower mirror.

Tubs

This is where the sanctuary
part of the bathroom comes in, as
many people like to relax after a
stressful day in a hot bath. Poor
lighting that reflects off the tub can
negate the relaxing effects of such

stress relief. To avoid that poten-
tial problem, aim the light to the
outside edge of the tub. This will
reduce the glaring reflection and
allow you to relax.

Table lamps

A good source of mood light-
ing, table lamps can create a soft
sense in your bathroom when not
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might enjoy some tub time as a
means for relaxation, turning on
nothing but the table lamps can
create a peaceful mood.

Toilet lighting

Many people get lots of their
reading done while sitting on the
toilet. Though it can be comical to
think of, lighting the toilet area with
a simple fixture above the toilet
can help you avoid eyestrain.

Night-light

If you have small children or
want a small light in the bathroom
for nighttime use, a night-light
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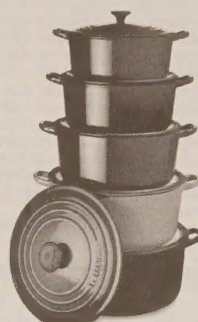
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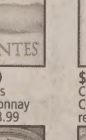
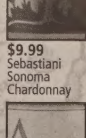
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